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Fresno Chaffee Zoo is open every day
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Message From the Director

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of visiting the National Zoo with my grandparents who lived in Washington, D.C. As a young boy I was fascinated by the reptiles as well as the orangutans and elephants. But my most treasured memories of those visits, memories that most certainly influenced my future, were seeing Smokey Bear – the real live Smokey Bear.

In 1944 the Forest Service introduced the Smokey Bear character as a way to teach the public about the danger of forest fires. In 1950 a young American black bear cub was found clinging to a smoldering tree after a forest fire in New Mexico. Climbing a tree to escape the flames had saved his life but left him badly burned on his paws and hind legs. The cute cub drew national attention and won the love and imagination of the American people. After being nursed back to health, little Smokey found a home at the National Zoo and for 26 years was a powerful living symbol of the need for fire prevention and conservation.

Smokey's story inspired me to care about him and other forest creatures. I eagerly shared his story with my classmates (who were quite envious of my encounter with such a celebrity!).

For me it was Smokey Bear and for many longtime residents of the Valley it



Zoo Director Lewis Greene greets Smokey Bear during our ZooBoo fundraising event on October 17.

was Nosey the elephant. Today, children visiting our Zoo are having an experience of a lifetime when they touch a stingray, feed a giraffe, and marvel at the winged wonders in the bird show.

More than 400,000 people will visit Fresno Chaffee Zoo this year and we will touch the lives of tens of thousands more through our school and community outreach programs. We have the unique opportunity to engage our visitors about the wonders of wildlife, and to instill care and concern for our natural world. Thank you for your support which enables us to bring wildlife to life. 🌱

- Lewis Greene, Director/CEO

What's New at the Zoo

This year has been a wonderful celebration for Year of the Frog. And if you haven't been into the reptile and amphibian building at the Zoo lately, you might be surprised at how many new species of frogs we have added during the year, and especially over the past few months. During your next visit, look for the many different species of small but colorful dart-poison frogs, the spiky bearded dragons and some new pigeons.

Our group of animals in the education department has also grown tremen-



dously over the last several months, including some new sugar gliders, pictured above. To learn more about our education animals, see page 10. 🐼

New Species at Your Zoo

Acquisitions:

Amphibians

- 0.0.2 Christmas toads
- 0.0.1 yellow-spotted walking toad
- 0.0.2 green & black dart-poison frogs
- 0.0.3 yellow-banded dart-poison frogs
- 0.0.1 blue and yellow dart-poison frog
- 0.0.1 Kokoe dart-poison frog
- 0.0.4 bicolor dart-poison frogs
- 0.0.1 golden dart-poison frog
- 0.0.9 Golfodulcean dart-poison frogs
- 0.0.1 red-eyed tree frog
- 0.0.1 lemur tree frog
- 0.0.5 giant waxy tree frogs
- 0.0.1 Chacoan horned frog
- 1.1.2 smoky jungle frogs
- 0.0.1 bronze mantella
- 0.0.3 arboreal mantellas
- 0.0.4 Surinam toads
- 0.0.4 Solomon Islands leaf frogs
- 0.0.2 African bullfrogs
- 0.0.1 Sambava tomato frog

Fishes

- 0.0.2 scarlet plecostomus
- 0.0.3 bristlenose plecostomus

Birds

- 1.0 Mauritius pink pigeon
- 0.1 black-necked stilt
- 2.1 Nicobar pigeons

Invertebrates:

- 2.0 California brown tarantulas

Mammals:

- 1.0 sugar glider

Reptiles:

- 1.0 Pacific pond turtle
- 0.1 bearded dragon
- 0.0.2 Indo-Pacific geckos
- 1.0 flying gecko
- 0.1 green crested basilisk
- 1.2 Jamaican iguana

Births/Hatchings:

Birds:

- 0.0.2 grey-necked wood rails
- 0.0.2 pied imperial pigeon

Reptiles:

- 3.2 California kingsnakes

Legend: 1.0 = male
 0.1 = female
 0.0.1 = unknown sex
 SSP = Species Survival Plan

*Please note that not all new species may be viewable at this time.

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The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to provide a fun, unique and up-close experience that strengthens the bond between people and wildlife.

Ask Andy...

your animal questions answered by the expert

By Andy Snider, Director of Animal Care & Conservation

Q Do you allow all your animals to breed? If not, how do you decide which ones do and which ones don't?

A That's a great question, and it's one that is actually much more difficult to answer quickly and easily. The quick answer is no, we don't allow all the animals at the Zoo to breed, for various reasons. Many of our animals are part of cooperative breeding programs called Species Survival Plans (SSPs) and Population Management Plans (PMPs). The goal of both of these programs is to produce a Zoo population that is both genetically (i.e. as unrelated as possible) and demographically (i.e. has a good mix of different ages and sexes) diverse. All of these species, a total of 82 currently at your Fresno Chaffee Zoo, have national studbooks that monitor their populations, and a person or team that assists in deciding which animals breed and which ones don't. The animals that are not covered by these programs are bred based on our knowledge of which species are needed in the zoo community and which ones don't currently require young to be born or hatched. That's the quick-and-easy answer!

Q If you had to pick one species at the zoo to reproduce, what would it be?

A Wow, what a question! Several species come to mind immediately, but I'd

have to say our Andean condors. Why? Because we've made great strides over the last couple of years to get this pair together, and we were successful this year in getting our first egg laid in the nesting platform. Andean condors are an SSP species, and if we're eventually able to get our pair to breed, the resulting offspring are scheduled to be released in South America as part of the ongoing release program there. We'd certainly love to see that happen!

Q What was the most significant birth in 2008, so far?

A Well that depends on your definition of "significant." Honestly, we consider every birth or hatching here at the Zoo as significant, since it indicates that we're giving our animals what they need biologically, socially, and psychologically to reproduce properly. I'd have to say that one of the most significant of the year was our hatching and subsequent metamorphosis of Taylor's bug-eyed frogs. Not only was this a first breeding here at our Zoo, this was the first time this species had reproduced in any institution in the U.S. These animals are not yet on exhibit in the reptile building at the Zoo, but we hope to be able to exhibit them in the not-too-distant future. 🐸



Taylor's bug-eyed frog

Volunteer Corner

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the Zoo? The Zoo is always in need of volunteers to fill a variety of areas such as zoo keeper aide, special events volunteer, Stingray Bay, and in the Rain Forest!

If you have some free time and are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 559-498-5945. Below are some of the upcoming volunteer opportunities:

Rain Forest Ambassadors

We are looking for enthusiastic and friendly people who are 18 or older to help us out in the Rain Forest! Twice a week training courses will start in January 2009 and go until February 2009. Once training is completed, Ambassadors will be qualified interpreters on the Rain Forest and other tropical rain forest animals.

Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience

Stingray Bay will be operating on limited days during December and January and will reopen for daily operation on March 7, 2009. We have multiple volunteer positions that need to be filled. A training session for Stingray Bay will be held on February 28, 2009.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Zoo, please contact me and I can provide you with additional information.

Contact: Alysia Fierro

Phone: 559-498-5945

Email: afierro@fresnochaffeezoo.com



Thank you to all our ZooBoo volunteers!

Do you have a question for Andy? Email askandy@fresnochaffeezoo.com.

SAFARI TRADING COMPANY

Special 3-Day event!

December 5 - 7

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For 3 days only, receive 20% off your total purchase at the Safari Trading Co. gift shop when you present your membership card at the time of purchase.

Come early and enjoy coffee, juice and pastries while you shop!



Member Special Event: Photos with Santa

December 13th

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

This is free for members only

Calendar of Events

December 1-January 31

Play Like a Kid, Pay Like a Kid
Everyone who visits the Zoo during December 2008 and January 2009 will pay the kid's price of just \$3.50.

December 13

Santa Paws Enrichment Day
Join our Zoo animals as they open their holiday gifts! Enrichment activities will take place throughout the Zoo starting at 10:00 am.

December 22-31

Winter Zoo Camp Adventures
Bring the kids for fun-filled days of animal adventures. See page 14 for more information and class listings.

Coming in 2009:

February 14

Sweet Treats Enrichment Day

March 7 - September*

Stingray Bay open daily



March 7 & 8

Spring Forward Frog Activities

April 11

Great Eggspectations Enrichment Day

April 18

Carl's Jr. Breakfast with the Animals and Party for the Planet

May 3

Cinco de Mayo Enrichment Day

June 6

Zoobilation

July 25

Cool Zoo Enrichment Day

August 15

Producers Ice Cream
Zoofari

October 16 & 17

ZooBoo

October 24

Stomp 'n' Chomp Enrichment Day

December 12

Santa Paws Enrichment Day



*Stingray Bay is open weekends through January 31 and daily December 13 through January 4 (except 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 and 1/1).

Learning with the Zoo: What Our Education Programs Can Teach You

When you come to Fresno Chaffee Zoo there is always much to learn from the animals you see and the different experiences available here. But do you know how much more is available from our Education Department?

Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Education Department is made up of a dedicated group of educators, camp instructors, docents, animals and others who love sharing what they know about the animal world and helping young minds get excited about the world around them.



Each year our Education Department has the privilege of encountering hundreds of children on some level. On every occasion all of our staff and docents have the common characteristic of wanting to educate!

Here at our Zoo we have the unique ability of providing our visitors with a living classroom. So not only can we provide information about our animals but we can have fun in the process! We truly want to strengthen the bond between people and wildlife.

When we impact a child's life we likely have encouraged that child to respect and honor all forms of life for a lifetime. When we have children attending camp our building has an incredible amount of energy and it is fun! More importantly, I see each child as a carrier of hope for our future and all animals on Earth!

-Adrienne Castro, Director of Education

Some programs available through Education include Zoo Camp Adventures, docent tours, ZooMobile visits, wildlife labs, Zoo talks, family and group overnights, and more. Additionally, the Education Department conducts special activities and provides support for teachers throughout the year. The Education programs truly offer something for everyone with opportunities for a lifetime of learning.



Starting as young as age three, children can come to the Zoo to learn about the world of wildlife through hands-on experiences and fun activities with our Zoo Camp Adventures program. As they get older, they can continue in the Zoo Adventures program and move on to Shadow a Keeper, Camp Jr. Counselors, or Young Naturalists.

"The camp experience brings kids together as they gain common knowledge and have common experiences. They learn how to work together and many make new friendships." said Zoo Educator Sandy Pitts. "Kids love to be at the Zoo! I have had the pleasure of watching students return year after year. One of the students I had in my Cubby Camp class years ago is now taking Young Naturalist classes."

John Dinsdale is one such student. He started attending Cubby Camp at age five, and has attended as a camper, then a Jr. Counselor for the past thirteen years.

"Zoo camp is like a community," Dinsdale said. "There are lots of people who teach about animals, and I feel like I've learned from the best. I've especially learned a lot from Burleigh [Lockwood] over the years; she's really helped me to have a passion for animals and for the kids at the Zoo."

Dinsdale remembers the first day he came to camp at age five, he didn't want to stay at first, but a young man who was a Jr. Counselor at the time came over and talked to him



Lesley Gates, Education Specialist, on working in the Education Department:

I have been working in the Education Department here at the Zoo for 10 years and it has been the most amazing job. Working with children is so rewarding, especially when they get to see and experience such a variety of animals from around the world in just a few hours. The look on a child's face after touching a snake for the first time is priceless!

I believe the ultimate goal of the Education Department is to make sure the public understands the need to conserve and protect wildlife and their habitats. The first step is to educate them, whether it is through exhibit signs, keeper talks, or an education program. One has to understand the animal in order to begin to care for it. Once they begin to see how important that animal is to their habitat and to the earth, then they will begin to understand the need to love and protect these animals.

I have the opportunity to interact with lots of children through many different programs here in the Education Department. I truly hope that I am inspiring these young ones to continue to love and care about animals because these children will become the stewards of our planet.



and coaxed him into staying. Ever since then, Dinsdale has looked up to the Jr. Counselors and was excited to have the opportunity at age thirteen to become one himself.

"The big thing for me was that I would go the whole ten weeks during the summer, not just one week like most kids," Dinsdale said. "Most people don't get to see animals from all over the world very often. I had the chance to see them and spend time with them every day."

During all those years at camp, Dinsdale had the opportunity to do things like feed elephants and giraffes (even before the giraffe feeding station was built), and make papier maché enrichment objects for the bear, chimpanzees, and orangutans - "things most kids never get to do," he said.

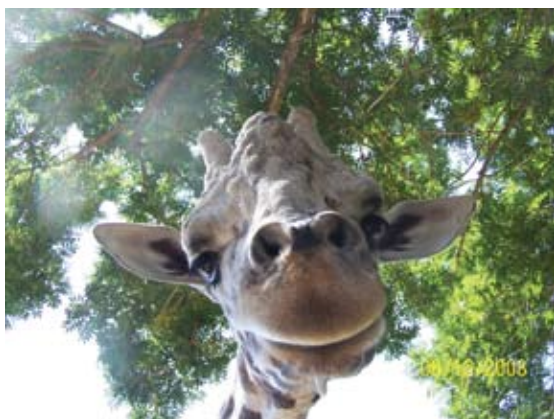
This year was Dinsdale's last as a camp Jr. Counselor; since he turned 18 he has been hired as an educator with the Education Department and when spring and summer camp comes around he will be teaching some classes. In the meantime, he is working at Stingray Bay on the weekends, which he feels good about because many days he is able to teach hundreds of people about the aquatic animals he has grown to love.

And parents aren't lost on the value of sending their children to the Zoo. As one parent wrote on an anonymous camp evaluation form recently, "This program was one of the best investments we made this summer for our son. He came home daily with an abundance of knowledge sharing facts about sharks, stingrays, fish and other marine life."

Our Zoo Camp Adventures programs, along with the many other onsite and offsite presentations, tours and demonstrations, are all planned with the end goal of helping people young and old develop a love and concern for animals. Starting with education, we hope to instill enthusiasm for all living things, so that the desire to conserve and protect wildlife and their habitats will come naturally. 🌱

For more information about any of Fresno Chaffee Zoo's education programs, visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.com/education or call 559-498-5920.

Congratulations to our 2008



From top left, going down then right:

- 2nd Animal Action:** Caitlin Velez, southern ray;
- 2nd Most Humorous:** Eddie Gereke, giraffe;
- 2nd Youth:** Austin Tamba, Galapagos tortoise;
- 1st Animal Action:** Dianne Lima, prairie dogs;
- 1st Most Humorous:** Tiffani Renfro, giraffe feeding;
- 1st Youth:** Chris Neely, Cape thick-knee;
- 1st Animal Portrait:** Jon Neely, Bateleur eagle;
- 1st Visitor Experience:** David Hoge, giraffe feeding;
- 1st Composition:** Jason Saphirak, Asian elephants;
- 2nd Animal Portrait:** Alicia Ordahl, Galapagos tortoise;
- 2nd Visitor Experience:** Patricia Logoluso, Small Wonders Animal Encounters;
- 2nd Composition:** Robert Hollister, East African crowned crane.

To see all winners, visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.com.

ZOOm Photo Contest Winners!



Behind the Scenes: ZooMobile and Education Animals

With all the hundreds of animals in our Zoo that you see when you visit, did you know that there is another group of 52 animals housed in the education building? These animals are our “ambassadors” that travel with the ZooMobile to schools, help teach children during Zoo Camp Adventures, and can sometimes be seen with Docents around the Zoo grounds. For the most part, these special animals can only be seen while participating in our education programs.

Since March 2008, the group of education animals has grown 64 percent to include such animals as the lovable sugar gliders and chinchillas to the less popular giant black widow and hundreds of Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

Animal Program Specialist Nannette Driver-Ruiz cares for all of these animals on a daily basis. Everything from feeding to cleaning enclosures to monthly weigh-

ing of select animals is her responsibility. Nannette also works with some animals to be more handleable so that they can go out with the ZooMobile and visit children at their schools.

Nannette says she loves working with the education animals because she gets to “see the kids get excited about animals and take that fascination home with them.”

Additionally, she has the opportunity to work with many different kinds of species, such as the Madagascar hissing cockroaches. There is a certain one she calls “grandpa” (Nannette also has the privilege of naming the animals in her care), which is her favorite because he has long, perfect antennas.

“I never thought I would like a cockroach,” she says.

Working in the education department has given Nannette the opportunity to grow to like all kinds of animals, such as snakes and tarantulas. Nannette reports that the first time she ever held a tarantula was in front of a kindergarten class. A docent held the tarantula first, then Nannette took her turn. She was so nervous that her palms were sweating, which made the tarantula dance around her hand because it didn’t like the wetness. Now Nannette has no problem grabbing those tarantulas and letting them crawl over her hands and arms.

“There’s no reason to be afraid,” she says about the tarantulas. “They don’t want to be bothered or bother you.”

The same can be said for most “scary” animals. As we learn about all different kinds of animals, we can learn to love them for their unique qualities rather than being afraid of what they look like. And that is what education is all about! 🌱



kestrel



ornate horned frog



chinchillas



leopard gecko



Nannette with a sugar glider

Valentine Adopt-an-Animal Special: Red Wolf



*This Valentine's Day adopt a red wolf
and receive an adorable
plush red wolf for your sweetheart.*

This super-soft cuddly plush red wolf can be mailed directly to you or your special someone along with a certificate of adoption, animal fact sheet, and letter identifying the giver. Your special someone's name will also be listed on our Adopt-An-Animal recognition sign reminding them of your love the whole year through!



Red wolves are excellent parents with both the male and female helping to protect and care for their pups. These amazing animals have a strong pair-bond and mate for life. They are called red wolves because of the reddish color of the fur behind their ears and along their legs and neck.

Red wolves are critically endangered, but with the help of zoos like ours and wildlife programs nationwide, they are making a comeback. Our group of red wolves can be found in their habitat "Wolf Woods" just south of the Zoo entrance. If you don't spot them at first, check their den under the hill where they spend time sleeping and relaxing.

Free gift bag available for pickup orders.
Plush wolf is available while supplies last.
Order online at www.fresnochaffeezoo.com.

Valentine Adopt-an-Animal Special: Adopt a red wolf and receive gifts for your Valentine!

Yes, I would like to adopt a red wolf. This is a gift for:

Your Name _____ Recipient's Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Name as you want it to appear on the certificate: _____

Gift card to read To: _____ From: _____

Each adoption package includes a plush red wolf, fact sheet about red wolves, and a special letter identifying the gift giver.

Category: \$35 Pick up at Fresno Chaffee Zoo Development Department (includes free gift bag)

\$45 Mail the package to: me gift recipient

This is a Valentine's Day gift. Please mail in February. This is a holiday gift. Please mail in December.

Method of Payment: Check (make payable to Fresno Chaffee Zoo) Visa Mastercard American Express

Name on card _____ Card number _____ Exp. _____

Card holder signature _____

Mail this form with payment to: Fresno Chaffee Zoo Development Dept., 894 W. Belmont Ave. Fresno, CA 93728 or fax to 559-498-5922. For more information or to order directly, visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.com or call 559-498-5921.

WILD TREKS

Join Zoo Director Lewis Greene on a safari adventure and witness the great migration on July 27 - August 7, 2009

Explore Kenya, the original safari destination and home to beautiful landscapes, vibrant wildlife and fascinating culture. our journey begins in the Maasai Mara, a seemingly endless savannah inhabited by exotic animals including lion, cheetah, elephant, leopard, rhino, hippo and more than 500 species of birds. Then experience the flamingo-lined shores of Lake Nakuru and the Samburu Reserve, rich with wildlife such as reticulated giraffe, beisa oryx, gerenuk and vulturine guinea fowl not seen in other parts of Kenya. Each evening, share the day's events while relaxing in luxurious camps underneath the starlit skies of Africa.

\$3,995 per person land package (double occupancy).
\$2,500 per person roundtrip airfare from San Francisco.
Single room supplement is \$1,395 per person additional.
Does not include estimated US and foreign airport taxes of \$628.

Optional Pre-Tour Extension to Tsavo and Amboseli: July 22-29, 2009

Extend your safari to Tsavo West National Park, where hippo and crocodile glide seamlessly through Mzima Springs. This region is also known for the 'Man-eaters of Tsavo' lions immortalized in film. Towering Mount Kilimanjaro hovers over Amboseli National Park, home to over 1,000 elephants, herds of wildebeest, lion and over 300 species of birds.

\$2,395 per person, double occupancy.
Single room supplement is \$595 per person additional.

For the complete itinerary and more information go to www.fresnochaffeezoo.com/travel or contact Patty Peters at 559-498-5936.



Help Your Zoo with Holiday Gifts that Give Back from iGive.com

This holiday season, send a gift that means an automatic donation to Fresno Chaffee Zoo! When you shop at any of over 700 participating online stores through iGive, a portion of each purchase comes back to us in the form of a donation check.

It's free for you, free for us, and you pay the same (or less!) than you would by going directly to the store. And to all you smart shoppers: don't miss iGive's treasure-trove of coupons, sales, and free shipping. Save money, save time, and send gifts that give twice. What could be better than that?

See for yourself at:
www.iGive.com/FresnoChaffeeZoo



Jack Hanna Says Fresno Chaffee Zoo is “Phenomenal”

Animal ambassador Jack Hanna visited Fresno Chaffee Zoo on October 2 and had many great things to say about your Zoo. He praised the Zoo for its intimate atmosphere and said it is the cleanest Zoo he has ever seen.

Hanna joined major Zoo donors at the annual Toucan Luncheon, greeted visitors and autographed books at the Zoo. He then wrapped up his visit with a VIP reception and an animal presentation at Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium in downtown Fresno.

During his evening presentation, Hanna told of how he started working with animals on his father’s farm in Tennessee, then at age 11 began working with a local veterinarian cleaning out cages. The vet thought he wouldn’t last more than a day, but Hanna worked with him for five years. In high school he decided he wanted to be a zoo keeper and has

lived his life’s dream ever since. Hanna said, “if I died tomorrow, I feel like I have lived a wonderful life and wouldn’t change a thing.”

Hanna also showed off several animals during his presentation, including a huge python, a bald eagle and two American alligators. Following his usual “teach through entertainment” style, Hanna demonstrated the silent flight of an owl by having one land on someone’s head, and told the story of how he learned how fast peregrine falcons can fly when someone flew one between his legs at 200 miles per hour.

As he told ABC30 news reporter Nancy Osborne, Hanna is impressed with a community that will tax itself to improve its zoo. “This Zoo is phenomenal. When I was a young man, this is the kind of zoo I would dream about being director of someday,” he said. “It’s going



Jack Hanna talks with Zoo Educator Sandy Pitts during a VIP reception preceding his presentation in Fresno. Hanna told guests that Fresno Chaffee Zoo is one of the best in the country.

to be exciting to come back here in a few years and see what’s been done. In this setting with the trees and this magnificent park...a lot of zoos don’t have this.” 🌿



Tigers and other Zoo animals enjoyed pumpkins during our Stomp ‘n’ Chomp enrichment day October 25. The Zoo also welcomed its 400,000 visitor for 2008 on that day, the first time Fresno Chaffee Zoo has exceeded 400,000 visitors in at least 15 years.

ZooBoo Draws Record Crowd on Two Nights

Our 2008 ZooBoo event finished off a very successful year for our fundraising events, with sellout crowds attending at four of six events. 2008 marked the first year that ZooBoo was held over two nights, both Friday and Saturday, and we still were able to draw a sellout crowd Saturday night at 3,800 guests and had a great showing on Friday with more than 2,500 guests.

Halloween is a fun time for kids and your Zoo is happy to offer a safe place where they can celebrate and have a good time. With visits from Smokey Bear, the Wienerschnitzel dog, Falcons, Fuegos and Grizzlies mascots - the Zoo is really getting great community support. This event would not be possible without the participation of all the local businesses and organizations that sponsor the treat stations, plus the many volunteers.

Special thanks to Pumpkin King Pumpkin Patch and Professor Toy for their generous contributions. 🌿

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ZOOMOBILE

In 2008 the ZooMobile traveled 4,779 miles around the Central Valley.

In 2008, the ZooMobile has visited 6,075 children and 805 adults.

Our Zoo docents undergo specific training to handle the ZooMobile animals.

Most of the animals in the education department can be held or touched.

Not just anyone gets to see our Zoo-Mobile animals - you must participate in an education program!

The education department houses 52 animals to use for education programs.

There are two bearded dragons named Puff and Mushu.

The ZooMobile program will be expanded in 2009 thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Rotary Club of Fresno Foundation.

TEACHERS: If you would like the ZooMobile to visit your classroom, call 559-498-5920. 🌱

Winter Zoo Camp Adventures

Join us at winter camp adventures for a wild and memorable experience. Each day has a unique theme and participants will experience educational and exciting Zoo activities. Extended care is available at an additional fee of \$14.00 per day. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please call the Education Department at 559-498-5920 or visit www.fresnochaffeezoo.com for more information and to register.

Winter Zoo Camp Adventures

Ages 5-11

Full day 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Daily Fee: \$53.00 members, \$57.00 non-members

December 22: Monkey Business

Do you know the difference between a monkey and an ape? Don't miss out on the chance to learn more about our Zoo's primates.

December 23: Gifts for You and Me!

Come create unique gifts to take home AND help make some special presents for our Zoo's animals.

December 29: Under the Canopy

The rainforest is home to many animals, each having an important role to play among the rainforest layers.

December 30: You Are What You Eat

Do you eat plants? Meat? Maybe you prefer insects! Whatever your preference, you will have fun exploring different zoo animals' diets.

December 31: Dr. Zoo

Taking care of exotic animals is a challenging job. Come learn what it's like to be a zoo veterinarian and meet our animals' doctor.

Winter Cubby Camp ages 3-5

**Half day 9:00 am – Noon
(Extended care is NOT available)**

**Daily Fee: \$32.00 members,
\$36.00 non-members**

December 22: The Great Ape

Do you know the difference between a monkey and an ape? Don't miss out on the chance to learn more about our Zoo's primates.

December 23: Gifts for You and Me!

Come create unique gifts to take home AND help make some special presents for our Zoo's animals.

December 29: Living in the Rainforest

The rainforest is home to many animals, each having an important role to play among the rainforest layers.

December 30: Dr. Zoo

Taking care of exotic animals is a challenging job. Come learn what it's like to be a zoo veterinarian and meet our animals' doctor.

December 31: Animal Cuisine

Do you eat plants? Meat? Maybe you prefer insects! Whatever your preference, you will have fun exploring different zoo animals' diets.

Young Naturalist Ages 11-17

Full day 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Class Fee: \$106.00 members,
\$114.00 non-members**

December 29-30: Zoo Careers

There are many careers involving wild animals, or related to wildlife and conservation, that you might think about pursuing. Come find out more about the different people that make the Zoo run smoothly.

Kidz Zoo Zone

Your Fresno Chaffee Zoo is home to a few water acrobats - our pinnipeds. Pinniped means "wing footed." Do you know which animals they are? Our seal and sea lions! These animals have flippers instead of arms and legs. Their flippers help them "fly" through the water. Their bodies also have a streamlined shape, which helps them glide easily through the water.

So how do you tell the difference between a seal and a sea lion? There are a couple of ways. First, look at the pinniped's head. Does it have ear flaps? Sea lions have ear flaps and seals do not have ear flaps. Secondly, look to see how they move on land. Sea lions can use both pairs of their flippers to walk on land. Seals move like an inch worm. So the next time you visit our Zoo see if you can tell which is a seal or a sea lion.

Here are some other fun facts about pinnipeds:

1. Pinniped adult males are called bulls and females are called cows.
2. Pinnipeds are marine mammals.
3. The biggest pinniped is the elephant seal which can be more than 16 feet long and weigh over 5,000 pounds.
4. The fat under the skin is called blubber. This fat helps them stay warm in cold water.
5. All pinnipeds are covered with fur.
6. Pinnipeds eat fish and other sea creatures. They are excellent hunters.
7. Often pinnipeds live closely together in large groups. When a group is in the water it is called a herd. When they are on land it is a rookery.
8. All pinnipeds can open and close their nostrils.



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