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ZOO SEEKS STINGRAY BAY VOLUNTEERS

FRESNO, Ca. – Fresno Chaffee Zoo is seeking volunteers to assist with the exhibit “*Stingray Bay: A Touching Experience.*” Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, give a minimum of four hours a week, and attend a training course scheduled for Saturday, February 2. Stingray Bay will return to Fresno Chaffee Zoo on March 15 and end in September.

In addition to cownose stingrays and Southern stingrays, this year Stingray Bay will also include docile nurse sharks and white-spotted bamboo sharks. Visitors to Stingray Bay will once again be encouraged to touch the animals as they swim in a specially constructed 14,500 gallon saltwater pool. Zoo staff and volunteers will be present at the exhibit to enhance the learning experience about these gentle creatures which are often curious about people.

Persons interested in volunteering should contact the Zoo’s Education Department at 559-498-5920.

Fresno Chaffee Zoo is open every day of the year from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission during regular Zoo hours is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 2-11 and seniors 62+, and children under 2 and Fresno Chaffee Zoo members are free. The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to provide a fun, unique and up-close experience that strengthens the bond between people and wildlife. The Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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