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Valley Farm exhibit to open with ribbon cutting at Fresno Chaffee Zoo

The Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at Fresno State partnered with Fresno Chaffee Zoo and other Central Valley organizations to create a new zoo exhibit, Valley Farm.

The Valley Farm ribbon cutting ceremony is 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at Fresno Chaffee Zoo (894 W. Belmont Ave).

The former Small Wonders petting zoo has been transformed into the Valley Farm exhibit. Guests will have an opportunity to pet and interact with sheep, goats, chickens, a dairy cow and other farm animals. The exhibit features crops and fruit trees, with first-hand demonstrations to show how Valley farmers grow and irrigate produce. Visitors can learn about the region's agricultural contributions to people around the world.

Fresno State's Plant Science Club, made up of students majoring in Plant Health and Crop Production, helped develop this exhibit.

"Graduates of both majors are in high demand statewide," said Bruce Roberts, Fresno State's J.G. Boswell Chair of Agronomy. "The Plant Science Club's involvement with this project allows our students to showcase the diversity of our region's agriculture, apply their academic skills and be a part of this public service opportunity."

Parking and zoo entrance fees will be waived for those who arrive prior to the start of the event. Contact Fresno County Farm Bureau at [559.237.0263](tel:559.237.0263) or info@fcb.org for more information.

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