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Live Appearances by “PAW Patrol” Characters at Santa Barbara Zoo’s First “Zoo-a-Palooza” Kids’ Party on Friday, June 14 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

- After-Hours Summer Party for Kids Also Offers Dance Party, Mad Scientist Experiments, Zoo Train Rides, and More
- Fun with Games and Activities Presented by Partner Groups Such as MOXI, PathPoint, UCSB Koegel Autism Center
- One-Year Anniversary of Zoo as a Certified Autism Center; Special Accommodations Include Quiet Area
- Tickets Include All Activities; Food Available for Purchase

(Santa Barbara, CA, May 16, 2019) – The Santa Barbara Zoo’s first “Zoo-a-Palooza” after-hours kids’ party kicks off summer with a visit by Chase and Skye, two characters from the children’s Nick Jr. show “PAW Patrol,” plus a whole lot more on Friday, June 14 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

“Zoo-a-Palooza” tickets are \$20 for adults and \$14 for children (\$17 for adults and \$12 for children for SB Zoo Members). Tickets are available online at www.sbzoo.org and at the door the evening of the event.



Kids can join a dance party with DJ Hecktik; take part in mad scientist experiments; and have fun with a variety of crafts, games and activities provided by partner groups (see list below). Zoo Train rides, climbing wall, animal encounters, and other activities are all included. Food, including gluten-free and vegetarian options, and drinks are available for purchase.

As part of the Zoo’s ongoing commitment to inclusivity for all kids, there will be a quiet area with activities for kids who prefer things more mellow, and Sensory Backpacks (including noise-canceling headphones and more) are also available for rent.

“This June marks one year since the Zoo was certified as a Certified Autism Center,” said J.J. McLeod, the Zoo’s Education Manager. “We’re proud to be able to better meet the needs of individuals on the Autism Spectrum and we hope the autism community feels even safer, supported, and welcome at the Zoo and at this party.”

The Santa Barbara Zoo was the first West Coast zoo to receive this certification from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards.

Partner groups offering games, crafts, and activities include Kyle's Kitchen, MOXI, UCSB Koegel Autism Center, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, PathPoint, STAR of California, and others to be announced.

PAW Patrol Also at Zoo on Saturday & Sunday, June 15 & 16

In addition to Friday night's Zoo-a-Palooza, the PAW Patrol characters will also make appearances at the Zoo throughout the day on Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16. Photo opps and meet-and-greets are free with regular Zoo admission.

"PAW Patrol" is a hit show on Nick. Jr. that debuted in August 2013. It is now seen in more than 160 countries.

"PAW Patrol" is an animated show featuring rescue dogs in training and each pup is inspired by a real-world job like fire fighter, police officer, pilot, construction worker, and others. They each live in doghouses that transform into customized vehicles, and have "pup pack" backpacks with



tools relating to their jobs. "PAW Patrol" not only tells exciting stories about bravery and heroism, it teaches lessons about caring for animals.

Skye is a Cockapoo puppy and fearless helicopter pilot. She also has wings built into her backpack. She's smart, loyal, and quick with a quip, sometimes gently teasing the bigger dogs who can't seem to keep up.

Chase is a German Shephard police pup who drives a cruiser. Athletic, smart, and "by the book" organized, he can herd traffic down the right detour, block off dangerous roads, and solve any mystery.

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*Known as one of the world's most beautiful zoos, the **Santa Barbara Zoo** is located on 30 acres of botanic gardens and is home to nearly 500 individual animals in open, naturalistic habitats. It is accredited by the [Association of Zoos & Aquariums](#) (AZA), representing the highest level of animal care, and participates in AZA endangered species programs for Asian elephant, California condor, Channel Island fox, and Western lowland gorilla, among others. A private nonprofit corporation, the Santa Barbara Zoo depends on community support, not tax dollars, for operations and improvements.*

The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; general admission \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors 64+, \$11 for children 2-12, and free for children under 2. Parking is \$11.

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