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San Antonio Zoo Ushers in Halloween Season with *Zoo Boo!*, Trick-or-Treat Stations Sponsored by HEB, Zoo Fiesta Medals, Drive Thru Zoo Boo!, and even a Chupacabra

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS- Cooler fall temperatures are blowing in Halloween fun this Friday and Saturday as San Antonio Zoo® kicks off ***Zoo Boo! & Drive Thru Zoo Boo!***, a fun, non-scary Halloween event for the entire family. Zoo Boo! will be held daily from September 19th – October 31st, the zoo will be decked out with Halloween fun complete with trick-or-treat stations sponsored by HEB, pumpkin painting, dance parties, costume contests, and a hay maze. Little ghouls and goblins are encouraged to wear their best costume to participate in a daily costume contest with a chance to win a zoo prize pack. Children of all ages and adults are welcome to dawn non-scary, family-friendly costumes. Costume masks are only permitted for children under the age of 12. Zoo Boo! is included with zoo standard admission and FREE for Zoo Annual Pass Holders and Members.

NEW THIS YEAR! Drive Thru Zoo Boo! starting this Friday evening, September 18 and every Friday thru October 30, trick-or-treat from the comfort of your vehicle with trick-or-treat stations sponsored by HEB during Drive Thru Zoo Boo! from 5-8 p.m.

FIESTA MEDALS! For the first time, guests will be able to purchase all five of the San Antonio Zoological Society's FIESTA medals. Cowboy, the zoo's rhino mascot has his first ever FIESTA medal, featuring him. Center for Conservation & Research's medal will feature the Texas Horned Lizard, proceeds benefit the Texas Horned Lizard Reintroduction Program. Kiddie Park's medal will feature a spinning Ferris wheel, Will Smith Zoo School's logo adorns the school's medal, and San Antonio Zoo's medal will feature the legendary Chupacabra. Guests will be able to purchase these individually or in a limited-edition gift pack featuring all five.

Chupacabra! San Antonio Zoo is thrilled to host a grand opening for a new species that has never before been featured at a zoological facility, the Chupacabra. The Chupacabra is a legendary creature in local folklore. The name comes from the animal's reported habit of attacking and drinking the blood of livestock, especially goats. Chupacabra can be translated as "goat-sucker" from Chupa (to suck), and Cabra (goat). According to biologists and wildlife

management officials, the Chupacabra was an urban legend...or is it? At the grand opening of the Chupacabra habitat, our culinary team will be on hand featuring a new drink called "The Goat Sucker," the drink will feature a set of plastic Chupacabra teeth and will come in both adult cocktail and kid-friendly mocktail versions.

"We're excited to educate the public and our visitors about the elusive and legendary Chupacabra," said Tim Morrow, President & CEO San Antonio Zoo "This new one of a kind habitat is sure to spark both the imagination of what wildlife exists that we haven't yet discovered and the desire to conserve species, both known and unknown."

Chupacabra Grand Opening

Saturday, September 19th

- Zoo Hours: 10 am-7 pm
- Chupacabra exhibit open to the public near the bat exhibit
- Chupacabra Fiesta medals will be on sale for the first time
- Chupacabra Burger and "The Goat Sucker" specialty drink (available for adults and kids) will be sold near the jaguar exhibit

Zoo Boo! Schedule

Weekdays (Monday-Friday)

- Zoo Hours: 10 am-4 pm
- Trick-or-Treating Sponsored by HEB: 10 stations open from 3pm-4pm
- Events:
 - 2 pm - Cowboy's Dance Party
 - 2:30pm- Costume Contest
- Attractions:
 - Chupacabra Exhibit
 - Hay-Craze Maze on The Great Lawn
 - Pick a Pumpkin in Meme's Pavilion
 - Pumpkin Patch in Meme's Pavilion

Saturdays-

- Zoo Hours: 10 am-7 pm
- Trick or Treating Sponsored by HEB: 15 stations open from 6 pm-7 pm
- Events:
 - 11am & 5pm - Cowboy's Dance Party
 - 11:30am & 5:30pm - Costume Contest
- Attractions:
 - Chupacabra Exhibit
 - Hay-Craze Maze on The Great Lawn
 - Pick a Pumpkin in Meme's Pavilion
 - Pumpkin Patch in Meme's Pavilion

Sundays-

- **Zoo Hours: 10 am-4 pm**
- **Trick or Treating Sponsored by HEB: 15 stations open from 3 pm-4 pm**

- **Events:**
 - **11am & 2pm - Cowboy's Dance Party**
 - **11:30am & 2:30pm - Costume Contest**
- **Attractions:**
 - **Chupacabra Exhibit**
 - **Hay-Craze Maze on The Great Lawn**
 - **Pick a Pumpkin in Meme's Pavilion**
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Drive Thru Zoo Boo! Schedule

Friday Evenings – Every Friday, September 18th – October 30

- **Drive Thru Zoo Hours: 5 pm-8 pm**
- **Trick or Treat Sponsored by HEB: 6 stations open along the drive thru pathway**

San Antonio Zoo continues to ask the community for support from Covid related financial struggles. The zoo has a long road to recovery and is asking people to donate to its Recovery fund. Donations can be made at www.sazoo.org/recovery-fund.

About San Antonio Zoo

San Antonio Zoo®, operated by San Antonio Zoological Society is a non-profit organization committed to securing a future for wildlife. Through its passion and expertise in animal care, conservation, and education, the zoo's mission is to inspire its community to love, engage with, act for and protect animals and the places they live. The zoo welcomes more than a million visitors each year and is open year-round. San Antonio Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoological Association of America, and Humane Certified by American Humane.

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