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State Farm Presents Latino Family Festival at Nashville Zoo

Nashville Zoo and State Farm present Latino Family Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20 as part of the 2009 Conexión Américas' Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

From 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., translators will be stationed throughout the Zoo and Spanish language maps will be available. Zoo staff and docents will partner with the translators to deliver animal shows, Historic Home tours, educational presentations and answer guests' questions in Spanish.

Nate Bell and the Ibiza Dance Team will perform Latin-style dancing, and Billy Ramirez and his band Kaziques will perform live in the Zoo's Entry Village. There will be moon bouncers for kids on Festival Field as well as prizes and giveaways from event sponsors throughout the day.

Latino Family Festival at the Zoo is the result of a partnership between Nashville Zoo, State Farm and is a kick-off to Hispanic Heritage Month. State Farm insures more cars and homes than any other insurer in the United States and is the leading insurer of watercraft. State Farm's 17,000 agents and 67,000 employees serve over 78 million auto, fire, life and health policies in the United States and Canada. For more information, visit www.statefarm.com. Latino Family Festival is supported by Spanish TV and Conexión Américas.

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed nationwide from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 and celebrates the presence, contributions and rich cultural heritage of Latinos in the United States. The 2009 Conexión Américas' Hispanic Heritage Celebration is presented by Nissan and supported by HCA/TriStar, Bridgestone Americas, Cracker Barrel, Nashville Zoo, Dollar General, State Farm Insurance, AT&T, Budweiser, The City Paper and TPAC.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, call 615-833-1534 or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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