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GOING TO SEE BLAKELY’S BARNYARD BONANZA
While I am at the Cincinnati Zoo, I may be able to go to a show called Blakely’s Barnyard Bonanza.

During Blakely’s Barnyard Bonanza, I will see different animals like a goat, pig, skunk, rabbit, and ducks.
The Barnyard Bonanza lasts about 15 minutes.
I will need to walk with my group to find a seat on a wooden bench. It might be crowded – lots of people like to see the Barnyard Bonanza. That is okay!
Some of the seats might be in the shade under the tarp, but some of the seats might be in the sun. If it is too bright for me, I can wear sunglasses or a hat to keep the sun out of my face.
Once I find my seat, I will need to wait for the show to start. There might be loud music playing while we wait. If it is too loud, I can ask to wear headphones.
It might be a little stinky since the show is near the flamingos. If it gets too stinky, I can hold my nose or try to smell something else that smells better.
There are some rules I need to follow while watching the Barnyard Bonanza.
I cannot take food or drinks into the Barnyard Bonanza.
Eunice is the zoo keeper who will be leading the Barnyard Bonanza. Eunice is so nice!
Eunice will talk about something called a clicker. A clicker is a special tool that animal trainers use when teaching animals new behaviors. The clicker makes a clicking noise.
When the animals do a good job with their behaviors, the trainer clicks the clicker and gives the animals a treat. This tells the animals that they are doing a good job and helps them learn new behaviors!
Eunice may ask people in the crowd if they want to help during the show. I can raise my hand if I want to help, but I don’t have to.
Myka or Orion, the goats, will come out to do their behaviors first. The goats can do lots of cool behaviors. They can weave around cones, shake their trainer’s hand, ring a bell, and jump through a hoop.
Cinder, Magnolia and Thatcher the pigs can weave around cones too! They can even knock down bowling pins!
Nova, the skunk, can climb up a ramp! And also do the moonwalk.
Rascal, the rabbit, can hop over hurdles! Rascal is getting a little bit older and sometimes can't participate in the show. But it's ok.
Flo, Luna, and Athena, the ducks, come out last to finish the show.
At the end of the Barnyard Bonanza, there is a fun dance party! I can go up front and dance if I want to. During the dance party, I can spin in a circle, turn and face the crowd, and take a bow!

Once the show is finished, I will make sure I have all of my stuff to leave. I may have to wait in line to leave.
After the show is finished, Eunice might bring the ducks out to run by the crowd. Sometimes Eunice might decide that the park is too crowded for the ducks to run. And that's ok.
The Barnyard Bonanza is so fun!