

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FREE FATHER'S DAY TRAIN RIDES

NORFOLK, Va. – In honor of Father's Day, when children purchase a ticket for the Zoo's Norfolk Southern Express, fathers ride for free!

"Dads drive their children to the Zoo, and all kinds of other places," said Greg Bockheim, the Virginia Zoo's executive director. "On Father's Day, kids can return the favor by taking their dad for a ride on the Zoo train."

The Zoo train is a one-third scale model of a C.P. Huntington steam engine. The train runs daily during the summer season, barring inclement weather, and can accommodate more than 80 passengers – adults and children. The train is ADA compliant and can accommodate wheelchairs.

Tickets for the Norfolk Southern Express can be purchased at the ticket booth, or at the Beazley Foundation Station located near the Zoo's entrance plaza. The three-quarter mile long journey includes live narration from the train engineer about the Zoo and its collection of plants and animals.

Funds raised from the sales of train tickets support conservation programs and animal exhibit expansion at the Virginia Zoo.

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**A full Norfolk Southern Express train at the Virginia Zoo gives visitors a guided tour during area schools' spring break Friday, April 22 (Virginia Zoo photo by Winfield Danielson).**

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*As an accredited Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facility, the Virginia Zoo exhibits more than 400 animals on 53 beautifully landscaped acres. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to education and conservation, and offered a fun-filled day for visitors of any age. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$9.00 for children ages 2-11. Visit [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.*