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NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo, in partnership with the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Nauticus and Norfolk’s own “School of Rock,” is putting on the final Zoo Grooves summer concert 5:30 p.m. Saturday, August 20.

“Join us for the last Zoo Grooves concert this summer,” said Greg Bockheim, the Virginia Zoo’s executive director. “It’s a fun event for people of all ages to enjoy music, animals and we will announce our new mascot name, chosen by a Zoo Grooves attendee.”

Name suggestions for the new Virginia Zoo Tiger mascot have been submitted, and the winning name will be announced during the concert. People will also have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction of original art created by the Zoo’s animal residents – like Schnitz the male orangutan.

New music from Norfolk’s own “School of Rock” house band and “Prana” will rock the Zoo’s event field, so pack your blankets and lawn chairs! Refreshments will be available for purchase until 8:00 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and performances begin at 6:00 p.m. General Zoo admission applies for nonmembers – Adults: \$11, Children: \$9 and Seniors: \$10 – but Zoo members get in FREE, as do members of the Norfolk Botanical Garden and Nauticus.

Note that no outside food or beverages are permitted inside the Zoo. Zoo Grooves concert events will take place as scheduled, rain or shine. No coupons, discounts or passes will be accepted for this event.

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The “School of Rock” house band at the Virginia Zoo Saturday, June 25, 2011 (Virginia Zoo photo by David Totten).

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Visitors enjoying the “School of Rock” house band at the Virginia Zoo Saturday, July 30, 2011 (Virginia Zoo photo by Kelsey Bethune).

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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 or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.