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FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE ZOO

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo and special guest Abrakadoodle present an evening of family fun from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

"The Zoo is always fun, but touring the Zoo at night after closing is a truly unique experience," said Greg Bockheim, executive director of the Virginia Zoo. "It'll be a shared adventure your family will always remember."

Participants will learn about nature in winter, create their own "Wintry Forest" masterpiece, and bundle up for an exclusive after-hours stroll through the Zoo. Reservations are required and the number of participants is limited. Cost is $13 per member and $16 per non-member. Guests must register by 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6.

More information is available at www.virginiazoo.org.

Located in Norfolk, Virginia Beach and the eastern shore of Virginia, Abrakadoodle provides art classes, camps, parties and special events for children ages 20 months to 12 years old at schools, community centers and other locations. Visit http://www.abrakadoodle.com/va05/ for more information.

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Bison enjoying a snack in the snow at the Virginia Zoo Jan. 23, 2014. Family Fun Night at the Zoo Friday, Feb. 7, includes an exclusive after-hours stroll through the Zoo, during which participants can learn about and encounter animals like these bison (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 for adults, $10 for seniors (age 62 and over) and $9 for children ages 2-11. Children under 2 admitted free! Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.