

# NEWS RELEASE



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## ZOO SNOOZE FOR YOU

NORFOLK, Va. – The Virginia Zoo will host an overnight Family Rainforest Snooze 6 p.m. Friday, May 30.

“Snoozes are a unique opportunity to experience the Zoo after hours,” said Greg Bockheim, the Zoo’s executive director. He added that only 35 lucky participants will get to explore the Zoo in the dark of night and enjoy a morning behind the scenes tour with an exotic animal.

During a Snooze, Zoo educators guide family members, ages 6 and up, as they learn about animals through fun activities, including a night hike, crafts and up-close animal encounters. The families will “camp out” in a classroom for the night, have breakfast, visit an animal behind the scenes, and tour the Zoo in the morning, before it opens to the public.

This Snooze features rainforest-themed activities and crafts, and will share information with participants regarding what they can do to help save rainforests around the world. It will also provide families with an opportunity to spend quality time together while learning interesting facts about rainforest animals and their habitats.

Registration fee is \$35 per participant. Families can find more information or register online at [virginiazoo.org](http://virginiazoo.org), or by calling the Zoo’s Education Department at 757-447-2374 ext 229.

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**Zoo educator Kristina Martin helps Zoo snoozers construct rain sticks during a family snooze at the Virginia Zoo April 27, 2012 (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](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.*