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ALOHA! Night at the Zoo Returns with a Hawaiian Twist Friday, July 28

July 25, 2017 – *Jacksonville, FL* – Break out your best floral print dresses and Hawaiian shirts, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) bringing the laid-back spirit of the islands to the third installment of the Night at the Zoo series, Friday, July 28.

The luau party begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts until 10 p.m. Animals will be on exhibit until 8:30 p.m. and are delightfully frisky in the evening, with cooler temperatures. Guests can meet the animals up close with animal encounters and keeper talks throughout the Zoo.

No party would be complete without delicious food and Night at the Zoo features two food trucks and cash bars for the adults. Snow-cones for the kids and frozen concoctions for the grown-ups will be available for purchase as well.

Kalani Rose Music will be on the main stage in the Range of the Jaguar, delighting fans with beachy vibes, a ukulele, and hula dancers. DJs will be playing 'Ohana'-friendly music on the Great Lawn. Guests can compete in hula-hoop and limbo contests broken out by age. Fahrenheit 360 will be heating things up with fire spinning. Rounding out the family entertainment will be bounce-houses, airbrush tattoos, and face painting.

Tickets for Night at the Zoo are available by online, pre-sale only. Members pay \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Non-member tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The final Night at the Zoo is August 11 and will have a Back to School theme. www.jacksonvillezoo.org/nightatthezoo

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About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and a portion of every ticket sold goes to the over 45 conservation initiatives Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens supports around the world, and here in NE Florida. JZG is proud to be an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org.