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Alligators return to the Zoo for the summer

Rochester, NY — May 24, 2010 — Three American alligators have returned to Monroe County’s Seneca Park Zoo just in time for the Memorial Day holiday! These crowd favorites arrived on Sunday, May 23, from the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park in Florida. They will reside here through mid-September.

“We have been getting the familiar question, ‘When are the alligators coming back?’” said Larry Sorel, County Zoo Director. “Well, they’re back! In fact, Red-Eye, a female alligator who in past summers has called the Seneca Park Zoo home, is once again in Rochester.”

Through Labor Day, visitors can observe the alligators being fed by our Zoo Keepers at a 1 p.m. demonstration on Thursdays. They can also interact with the keepers and get answers to alligator-related questions.

“Summer programs provide a special experience for our visitors,” said Rachel Baker August, Executive Director of the Seneca Park Zoo Society. “The specific information shared by our educators and keepers on our alligators, with their flat tails and long rows of teeth, will hopefully spawn a new appreciation for these unique creatures.”

Can’t make the feeding? Visitors can stop by the Zoo anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily to see these amazing animals in their habitat. Visit our Web site at www.senecaparkzoo.org for a complete summer programming schedule.

Seneca Park Zoo is owned and operated by Monroe County. The Seneca Park Zoo Society is a not-for-profit organization which has, since 1957, provided education, fundraising, special events and public relations support to Monroe County’s Seneca Park Zoo. The Society offers various levels of membership to the Seneca Park Zoo, which includes discounted and/or free admission to more than 170 zoos and aquariums across the country. For additional information, check us out on the Web at: www.senecaparkzoo.org.