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Elks' Drug Free – Safe Zone concert Saturday for all ages

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The Oak Ridge chapter of the Benevolent Order of the Elks, Lodge No. 1684, will host a Drug Free – Safe Zone concert for children of all ages on Saturday. The concert will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Lodge on Emory Valley Road, and will feature four bands as well as a free hotdog station, chips, snacks and soft drinks. There will be a \$5 per person cover fee to help cover the cost of the bands. It is recommended that children under the age of 14 be accompanied by an adult. This event will also serve as a CD Release Party for the local band Remember the Skyline. Special guest bands will be Loving Avery, Your Favorite Hero and The Autumnation. According to a press release, Elks believe that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. The Elks National Drug Awareness Program strives to teach all children and parents about the dangers of drug abuse. As the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States the Elks Drug Awareness Program annually distributes more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers, and children. During the 2009-10 year, the National Elks Foundation will distribute \$748,200 nationally for its Drug Awareness Program. The local event is co-sponsored by Clayton's Lesson along with the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition and Anderson County Coalition, Assistant District Attorney General Virginia Walsh chairwoman.