



OUR MISSION

To provide close-up animal experiences that inspire connections to wildlife and action toward conservation in our region and around the world.



Close-up experiences

Prior State Bonding funds created an opportunity for asset preservation to help with the renovation and rehabilitation of existing exhibits at the Zoo. The two phases of Bear Country are now complete, and visitors have greatly enjoyed meeting animals like Tundra and Banks, two brown bears that were orphaned as cubs and could not survive in the wild on their own.



Education for All

The Lake Superior Zoo understands and respects diversity, and consciously commits to understanding and appreciating the interdependence of humanity, cultures, and the natural environment. We are dedicated to a world where learning is an inclusive, all-encompassing, and collaborative environment. We opened our nature-based preschool last fall and are excited to start Zoo Camps again this summer!



Stewards of Conservation

One of the important conservation initiatives we participate in is the Species Survival Plan® program. We have twenty-nine participating species that are cooperatively managed with other Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) member facilities to enhance the conservation of these animals in the wild. The image to the left shows Kasai, an Angolan colobus monkey, that was born in 2019 as a part of this critical program.



History & AZA Accreditation

The Lake Superior Zoo was founded in 1923 by local businessman Bert E. Onsgard and started with just one animal. Today we've grown to be the home of more than 350 animals! One important element of our organization is being in the only 10% of facilities across the U.S. that are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. We uphold the highest standard of care and welfare for our animals.

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LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO

2021 Capital Investment Request

- **2021 Bonding Request - \$1.1 million**
 - Asset preservation and upgrades in preparation for upcoming AZA-accreditation inspection such as:
 - Walking surfaces and accessibility at front entrance and circulation throughout Zoo grounds
 - Upgrade lighting throughout facilities
 - Address front entrance canopy paint issues
 - Additional deferred maintenance projects as funding allows
 - Connective drainage work and improvements on existing black bear exhibit pool

