

Children's Zoo Building Continues through Winter



Great progress has been made on the new Children's Zoo animal exhibits which will feature red pandas, meerkats, porcupines, gibbons and wallabies.



The Adventure Tree Play Area will be ready for sliding, climbing and exploring this Spring!

Lussier Education Pavilion



Construction is underway on the Lussier Education Pavilion.

Lussier Education Pavilion :

- Large, versatile all-weather space for Zoo Education programs.
- Will increase the number of children the Zoo is able to serve with education programs.
- Multi-use design, possibility for rentals or use for Zoo programs/events

Discovery Center Expansion:

- Two additional indoor education classrooms. (One sponsored by Madison Community Foundation)

Be a Zoo Century Ambassador!

We are currently recruiting volunteers to help spread the word about the *Zoo Century* campaign. This could involve you inviting a group of your contacts to a behind the scenes tour of the Zoo, playing the campaign DVD for your service club or other group, or even hosting a small gathering or fundraiser, the possibilities are limitless. We need help spreading the *Zoo Century* message to additional groups of people. Call Mark Schemmel or Amy Lensing at 258-490 if you'd like to get involved!

Special Conservation Carousel Days to Benefit Arctic Passage

The Conservation Carousel will not be open for the season until April, so take advantage of these special two days to bring your family for a winter spin (hours will be 10a.m. – 2p.m.):

- **Friday February 23rd**(10a.m-2p.m)
- **Saturday March 3rd** (10a.m-2p.m)

Rides will \$1 as usual, but all proceeds from these special carousel days will go directly to benefit the Arctic Passage renovation project! There will also be donation canisters for the Arctic Passage inside the carousel building.



New Venomous Snake Exhibit Open



Visit the new venomous snake exhibit in the Herpetarium, open from 10a.m – 4p.m daily. The featured Timber rattlesnake was donated by the Department of Natural Resources.

In Wisconsin Timber rattlesnakes are found in the Southwestern corner of the state, and north along the Mississippi river corridor into Pierce County. They prefer bluff prairies and oak woodlands in remote areas. They feed on small mammals like mice, moles, chipmunks, squirrels and small rabbits.

Wisconsin's other venomous snake species; Massasauga (swamp rattlesnake) will be added to the exhibit when a snake becomes available.

The Henry Vilas Park Zoological Society has been the Henry Vilas Zoo's member-supported fundraising organization since 1914. The Zoological Society promotes the Zoo's mission to conserve and protect the wonders of the living natural world, to build an understanding by people of animals by promoting conservation, and to provide high quality educational and recreational experiences to over 500,000 annual visitors.

