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## **It's A New Season of Excavation at Liberty Science Center as *Jack Horner's Dino Dig*, Inspired by the Legendary Paleontologist, Opens July 1**

Jersey City, NJ – June 21, 2017 – For dinosaur hunters around the world, the start of summer means it's time to get out of the lab and back into the field to make new discoveries.

Liberty Science Center guests can begin their own new season of fieldwork as they excavate full-sized Cretaceous-era fossil replicas from 35 tons of sand at *Jack Horner's Dino Dig* starting July 1.

For the second year in a row, Liberty Science Center gives guests the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of legendary paleontologist Jack Horner, the inspiration of the Michael Crichton novel and Steven Spielberg film, "Jurassic Park." Mr. Horner is lending his name to the activity to help inspire the next generation of scientists.

"Every kid has imagined how cool it would be to dig for dinosaur bones," said Paul Hoffman, LSC President and CEO. "Liberty Science Center is all about bringing science to life in fun, interactive, and compelling ways. With Jack Horner's expertise to guide us, our 'Dino Dig' guests will see first-hand how exciting paleontology can be."

The exhibit has been updated since Mr. Horner's visit to LSC last year, reflecting more of his excavation experiences and focus on specific discoveries. Many of the over 50 bones, including a 72-inch long *Triceratops* skull, will protrude from the ground as if "weathering out," and new species have been added.

The full assemblage now includes *T. rex*, *Pachycephalosaurus*, *Triceratops*, and Mr. Horner's discovery, *Maiasaura*, which cared for nests of their young in huge gatherings as their bird descendants, including emperor penguins, still do today.

Weather permitting, *Jack Horner's Dino Dig* is open daily July 1 through September 4, 2017 and is included with general admission. Tickets to Liberty Science Center start at \$17.75 and are available online at [LSC.org](http://LSC.org).

### **About Liberty Science Center**

*Liberty Science Center (LSC.org) is a 300,000-square-foot not-for-profit learning center located in Liberty State Park on the Jersey City bank of the Hudson near the Statue of Liberty. Dedicated to bringing the power, promise, and pure fun of science and technology to people of all ages, Liberty Science Center houses 12 museum exhibition halls, a live animal collection with 110 species, giant aquariums, a 3D theater, the world's largest IMAX Dome Theater, live simulcast surgeries, a tornado-force wind simulator, K-12 classrooms and labs, and teacher-development programs. More than 250,000 students visit the Science Center each year, and tens of thousands more participate in the Center's offsite and online programs. LSC is the most visited cultural institution in New Jersey with more than 650,000 visitors annually and the largest interactive science center in the NYC-NJ metropolitan area.*