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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tinker the T-rex**

Boise, ID - Chevron has partnered with the Discovery Center of Idaho to bring a brand new, long-term Tyrannosaurus rex (T-rex) exhibition to Idaho opening at the Discovery Center Friday, November 22nd, 2019. Chevron will be the Presenting Sponsor of this 1,000 square-foot exhibition, which will feature a two-thirds scale juvenile cast T-rex skeleton called 'Tinker' and include hands-on STEM-based exhibits with rich educational content.

In support of the costs associated with building and installing Tinker the T-rex exhibition, Chevron has donated \$75,000 to the Discovery Center of Idaho. Chevron believes effective education including science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) will foster bright young talent for the future workforce and healthy economic growth for the country.

The Discovery Center of Idaho is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit hands-on science center with a mission of inspiring lifelong interest and learning in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The exhibition's individual hands-on exhibits will be designed and built by the Discovery Center's Exhibits Team in the Micron Innovation Lab located within the Center. Construction of the interactive exhibits will be underway within the next few months.

Tinker the T-rex exhibition will become part of the Discovery Center of Idaho's permanent collection and is sure to be a favorite among visitors for years to come. This exhibition will provide a fascinating opportunity to help foster student and community understanding of natural history related to prehistoric fossils. Tinker is the most complete skeleton of a juvenile T-rex, providing a great opportunity to study the build and athletic prowess of a young T. rex.

The Discovery Center's Education Department will also develop Teacher Resource Packets specifically for the exhibition. These Resource Packets will be disseminated to all teachers participating in a field trip to the Discovery Center and will support curriculum integration into the participating classrooms across Idaho.

The Discovery Center's STEM Field Trip Program annually supports over 225 field trips to approximately 11,000 participants, providing a unique opportunity for Idaho students to experience the wonders of

STEM outside the classroom that many would otherwise not receive. During a STEM Field Trip students are actively and directly involved in STEM exploration, igniting an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. Each exhibit station allows for hypothesizing, experimentation, and drawing conclusions (a replica of the scientific method) as students explore and interact with the diverse exhibits at the Center with their classmates and teachers.

Eric Miller, Executive Director at Discovery Center of Idaho: “Everybody loves dinosaurs, and T-rex is the biggest star of them all. With generous support from Chevron, this engaging, hands-on exhibition will set a new standard at the Center in terms of content, design, interactivity and Wow! I can’t wait for the unveiling!”

Tyler Kruzich, Corporate Affairs Manager at Chevron: “Chevron is committed to the communities where we live and operate. In Idaho, that means supporting partners like the Discovery Center that promote STEM learning. Chevron is a strong supporter of STEM education because we rely on STEM professionals in everything we do. With this exciting exhibition, we hope to attract Idahoans of all ages to the Discovery Center so that we can spark more interest in STEM careers.”

Sponsors

The T-rex is made possible by our presenting sponsor, Chevron. Chevron believes effective education including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) will foster bright young talent for the future workforce and healthy economic growth for the country. Together, we can help advance STEM education for today’s youth.

About the Center

The Discovery Center is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization. The museum is an interactive science center featuring exhibits and educational programs that offer authentic, sensory experiences making science, technology, engineering, and math tangible for people of all ages and from all walks of life. As Idaho’s only hands-on science center, the Discovery Center creates a community that is more scientifically literate, curious, and empowered to explore.

Admission Prices & Hours

Admission prices will be FREE for members. For non-members it will be \$12 for adults 18+, \$11 for seniors 65+, \$10 for youth 2-17, FREE for children under 2. \$1 discounts for active military and veterans. We’re open 10am to 5pm Monday-Saturday and 12pm to 5pm on Sundays.

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