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DINOSAURS TO “ROAM” NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER’S FORT DISCOVERY MAY 24 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2003

Augusta, GA -- Fort Discovery visitors will be in for a treat when a lively group of stomping, roaring, animated dinosaurs move into the 5,000 sq. ft. Knox Gallery from May 24 – September 21, 2003. The prehistoric giants are manufactured in Woodland Hills, California, by Kokoro Dinosaurs using the latest robotic technology. A computer-controller air compressor gives each dinosaur its own unique sequence of movement and sound.

The exhibit contains twelve nearly life-sized dinosaurs, including a Tyrannosaurus Rex, an Apatosaurus, a Pachycephalosaurus, an adult Maiasaura and Nest, three Maiasaura Young, a Smilodon Family – four creatures, and an attack scene featuring a Megatherium with Smilodon. Additionally, exhibits will feature a Baluchitherium, a Pteranodon, a Woolly Mammoth and Hands-on Apatosaurus. Informative descriptions will enhance the exhibition’s educational value. Workshops, Dino birthday parties and overnight camp-ins featuring special programs on these and other prehistoric giants will give aspiring paleontologists of all ages a chance to “bone up” on prehistoric facts. The Science Store will feature a variety of dinosaur-related items in addition to its unique souvenirs, gifts and school project supplies.

Kokoro Dinosaurs is today’s premier builder of animatronic museum-quality dinosaurs. The realism reflected in the Kokoro exhibit comes from years of research, study and consultation with a wide variety of paleontologists. Each model is based on actual fossils to insure that every aspect, from physical appearance to actual movement, is as realistic as possible. Additionally, each robotic model is handcrafted and individually computer-programmed to provide the visitor with the truest representation possible of the sights, sounds and movements of the dinosaurs.

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It is anticipated that “Return of the Dinosaurs” – Jurassic Summer will be one of the most highly attended events ever hosted by the National Science Center’s Fort Discovery or any other facility in the Augusta area. Museums and science centers across the country have reported overwhelming public response to the dinosaur exhibit.

When the National Science Center opens the exhibit, it will join a highly respected group of museums and science centers that have hosted Kokoro’s exhibit over the past several years. These include: The Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkley, CA.; The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL.; The Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA.; The California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA.; SciWorks, Winston-Salem, NC.; The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA and The Imaginarium Hands-On Museum, Fort Myers, FL.

Admission to the exhibit is free with paid general admission to Fort Discovery -- \$8/adults; \$6/children, seniors and active military. Members are FREE and Group Rates are available. Operating Hours are Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, Noon – 5 p.m. Gorin’s Café is located adjacent to the science center and Fort Discovery operates a City-owned parking deck located on the premises.

Make plans now to visit the National Science Center’s Fort Discovery for the “Return of the Dinosaurs” exhibit! To find out more about the National Science Center, visit our website at www.NationalScienceCenter.org or call 706-821-0200 or 800-325-5445.

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