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Field Station: Dinosaurs Announces New Partnership with Paleontological Institute

Leonia, New Jersey —March 10, 2017 — Field Station: Dinosaurs, the New Jersey based dinosaur theme park voted Best Local Theme Park by *Time Out New York Kids*, and the Bighorn Basin Paleontological Institute (BBPI), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to paleontology and earth science research and education, today announced a partnership to design and create scientific exhibits and educational programs at Field Station: Dinosaurs' new locations in Teaneck, New Jersey and Derby, Kansas. The partnership will ensure that each Field Station park will be built upon a solid scientific foundation while providing guests with additional learning opportunities stemming from BBPI's annual field expeditions and fossil digs in Wyoming and Montana. The Executive Director of the Bighorn Basin Paleontological Institute is Jason Schein, formerly the Assistant Curator – Natural History at the New Jersey State Museum.

"We are proud to partner with Jason and the scientists working in the Bighorn Basin," said Guy Gsell, Executive Producer at Field Station: Dinosaurs. "We believe that BBPI is the perfect fit for us. They're real scientists making important paleontological discoveries, but they're also teachers, ready to share and explain their processes and findings with our family audience."

According to BBPI's website, the organization "harnesses the universal appeal of dinosaurs to engage people of all interest levels." In addition to its educational programs in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, BBPI conducts a summer long Field Expedition in the Bighorn Basin of Wyoming and Montana open to "citizen scientists" from age 14 and up. The field work and public expeditions are part of a decades-long research project to fully document the region's ancient "paleo-environment".

Schein is excited to be working in Kansas at Field Station: Dinosaurs' new Derby park location. "Kansas is famous around the world for fossils and for the many excellent paleontologists who have called Kansas home," he said. "I'm looking forward to collaborating with Mike Everhart, one of the world's leading experts in marine paleontology and a Derby resident."

"Kansas and New Jersey are central to the history of paleontology and home to some of the most important fossil discoveries of all time," added Gsell. "It will be fun to explore the many connections between our two homes."

Field Station: Dinosaurs currently operates at their Temporary Base of Operations in Leonia, New Jersey. Their new park in Derby, Kansas and a permanent location in Teaneck, New Jersey are scheduled to open in the spring and summer of 2018.

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For more information about Field Station: Dinosaurs, please visit www.FieldStationDinosaurs.com.

For more information about the Bighorn Basin Paleontological Institute (BBPI), please visit www.BBpaleo.org.