T. rex: The Ultimate Predator
EDUCATORS’ EVENING

Friday, October 25, 2019
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Friday, October 25 for an evening celebrating our latest special exhibition T. rex: The Ultimate Predator. This is an opportunity for teachers to view the exhibition, hear from the curator, network with other educators, and gather resources on how to use the exhibit with their students.

Participants will receive Educator Guides and related K-12 student activities that can be used to facilitate a Museum learning experience during a field trip to the exhibition.

T. rex: The Ultimate Predator explores the latest research and discoveries about the genus of dinosaurs known as tyrannosaurs, with an emphasis on the most famous and impressive member of the family—T. rex.

Visitors will encounter a massive life-sized model of a T. rex with patches of feathers—which, as scientists now know, were likely present on nearly all non-avian dinosaurs (all dinosaurs other than birds) — as well as reconstructions of a fluffy, helpless T. rex hatchling and a four-year-old juvenile T. rex; a “roar mixer” where visitors can imagine what T. rex might have sounded like by blending sounds from other animals; a shadow theater where a floor projection of an adult T. rex skeleton will come to life; and a magnetic wall where visitors will be tasked with placing various tyrannosaur family members in the correct time period. They will also encounter a life-sized animation of T. rex in the Cretaceous and explore real data from fossil specimens, CT scans, and microscope images at a tabletop Investigation Station.

Agenda

4:00 - 4:20 p.m.  Sign in & Reception
4:20 - 4:45 p.m.  Resource Tables
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.  Welcome
5:00 - 5:40 p.m.  Introduction to the Exhibition
     Dr. Mark A. Norell, Division Chair and Macaulay Curator, Curator-in-Charge of Fossil Amphibians, Reptiles, and Birds, Division of Paleontology
5:45 - 7:00 p.m.  Visit the Exhibition
     Resource Tables

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