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DINOSAURS ARE COMING TO THE SCHIELE MUSEUM

Newest exhibit – Dino Safari – opens June 17

Gastonia, NC: The dinosaurs are coming! The much anticipated **Dino Safari** exhibit at The Schiele Museum will open on Saturday, June 17!

Journey through time to the Mesozoic Era - the Age of Dinosaurs - as you walk among these full-bodied models and experience what life might have been like for these incredible creatures. Marvel at the sheer size of these prehistoric reptiles and face off against a charging *Triceratops* or watch as the *Deinonychus* stalks its prey. Throughout the **Dino Safari** exhibit, you'll see some of your favorite dinosaurs and learn about a few more of these spectacular beasts. You'll also get to see actual dinosaur fossil specimens and casts from the Schiele Museum's collection that help demonstrate how the science of paleontology provides clues about extinct ecosystems.

Once you make it past all the dinosaurs, the UrgentVet Dino Safari Lab provides hands-on engagement for kids of all ages to explore science. Dinosaur eggs, a simulated dig and getting a bird's eye view of a flying *Pteranodon* are all a part of the UrgentVet Lab experience that you can't see anywhere else.

"Dinosaurs are one of those subjects that fascinates people of all ages." says Dr. Ann Tippitt, executive director of The Schiele Museum. "We've been working hard over the last few months preparing the exhibit, with kids peeking through the door ways to gauge our progress and counting down the days until opening."

The big reveal happens on Saturday, June 17 from 9 AM - 5 PM. On opening day, guided tours will be included as part of general admission. The free tours and hourly schedule are exclusive to opening day. Tours begin at 10 AM & 11 AM and on the hour from 1 - 4 PM.

The **Dino Safari** exhibit will provide a platform for additional programs at The Schiele in the coming weeks and months. In July, a paleontologist will be the guest speaker for the next *Schiele After Hours* program geared towards adults while a Dino Safari Day with an explosion of dinosaur activities will be great for the entire family later in the month.

This prehistoric adventure will give the paleontologists in all of us a chance to be let loose.

Saturday, June 17, from 9 AM - 5 PM. General admission rates apply.

The Schiele Museum of Natural History: Inspiring wonder and appreciation of the natural world, The Schiele provides the region with a unique educational resource. Whether through formal instruction or visiting the various exhibits, visitors to The Schiele gain insight into the marvels of the world around. The Schiele welcomes more than 100,000 visitors annually to explore the permanent collections, 18th Century Farm, and newly renovated Catawba Indian Village, as well as to travel back in time discover the fascinating creatures in our latest exhibit, *Dino Safari*. To find out more, visit www.schielemuseum.org.

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