

# dinosaurs

## THEY'RE BACK



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Huge teeth dominate the small Tyrannosaurus head, the largest of the meat-eating dinosaurs.

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The little girl with brown pig-tails squealed in amazement when the long-necked Apatosaurus raised its tiny head from the vegetation and looked her straight in the eye.

Then the enormous creature opened its mouth and gave a fierce roar. She squirmed a bit as she stood there giggling -- her broad smile giving away her excitement and delight at the unusual experience.

After all, it's not every day you see a dinosaur.

"The Dinosaurs: Live on Tour!" is a mechanically animated menagerie of dinosaur models, and is visiting Lincoln through Sept. 30.

The exhibit, consisting of eight scale-model dinosaurs that look, sound and move the way scientists believe the real ones did millions of years ago, is located at the old Ager Zoo Building, at 27th and A streets.

The educational and entertaining event is sponsored by Friends of the University State Museum, Folsom Children's Zoo and Botanical Gardens, and Dinamation International.

Hugh Genoways, director of the University of Nebraska State Museum, said the scale models are authentic, mechanical representations of what dinosaurs were like. He said accuracy is important to Dinamation International, the company which owns the dinosaur robots. The way the dinosaurs on display look, sound and behave is based on scientific data collected by respected paleontologists and anatomists, Genoways said.

"Some of it is just great imagination too," Genoways said.

John Chapo, director of the Folsom Children's Zoo, said the exhibit is the result of a well-organized community effort. In all, more than 400 people volunteered their time or money to bring the dinosaur tour to Lincoln.

"The key to pulling off this event was the volunteers," he said.

But the hard work and long hours volunteers have put in since the Lincoln groups signed the contract with Dinamation a

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