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Biography

Jack Horner was born June 15, 1946, raised in Shelby Montana, and attended the University of Montana where he majored in geology and zoology. In 1975, he was hired as a research assistant in the Museum of Natural History at Princeton University, where he worked until 1982. From 1982 until the present, he has worked at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana, where he is the *Ameya Preserve* Curator of Paleontology and Montana State University Regents' Professor of Paleontology.

Dr. Horner discovered the first dinosaur eggs in the Western Hemisphere, the first evidence of dinosaur colonial nesting, the first evidence of parental care among dinosaurs, and the first dinosaur embryos. Dr. Horner's research covers a wide range of topics about dinosaurs, including their behavior, physiology, ecology and evolution. Due to struggles with the learning disability, dyslexia, Dr. Horner does not hold a formal college degree but was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Montana in 1986. Also in 1986 he was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship.

He has written over 50 professional papers, 25 popular articles, authored or co-authored six popular books, and co-edited one technical book. Dr. Horner has named a number of new dinosaurs, such as *Maiasaura peeblesorum*, *Orodromeus makelai*, *Hypacrosaurus stebingeri*, *Prosaurolophus blackfeetensis*, *Gryposaurus latidens*, and *Brachylophosaurus goodwini*. *Achelosaurus horneri* and *Anasazisaurus horneri* were named after him. His work has been featured in numerous magazines and television specials. He was the technical advisor to Steven Spielberg for the movies *Jurassic Park* and its sequel, *The Lost World*. He also advised director Joe Johnston on *Jurassic Park III*.

Jack lives in Bozeman, Montana. He has a son, Jason Horner, and four grandchildren. In addition to hunting dinosaurs, Jack enjoys building rockets and model trains, and tinkering with mechanical contraptions such as Legos.

Jack Horner Links:

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