



Scott Sampson

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Scott Sampson is a dinosaur paleontologist, science communicator, and passionate advocate for connecting people with nature. He currently serves as president and CEO of Science World British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C., where much of his work focuses on rethinking 21st Century cities as places where people and nature thrive. Nevertheless, he's perhaps best known as "Dr. Scott," host and science advisor of the Emmy-nominated PBS KIDS series *Dinosaur Train*, produced by the Jim Henson Company. *Dinosaur Train* is currently viewed daily by millions of children and parents in more than 100 countries. Sampson also served as the on-air host and science advisor for the four-part Discovery Channel series *Dinosaur Planet* (2003). He has given hundreds of media interviews for radio (e.g., NPR), newspapers (e.g., New York Times), multimedia newswire services (e.g., Reuters), television (e.g., The Today Show, Good Morning America), and periodicals (e.g., Time Magazine, National Geographic). He has been featured in more than a dozen documentaries, including *Nova*, *Paleoworld*, and *Nature Kids*. Sampson is a widely sought public speaker, presenting on topics ranging from dinosaurs and education to children, nature, and sustainability. Sampson is author of *Dinosaur Odyssey: Fossil Threads in the Web of Life* (University of California Press, 2009), as well as a new general audience book—*How to Raise a Wild Child*—aimed at helping parents, teachers and others foster a deep connection with nature in children.

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