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## Trail Tenders Offers Photo Contest for National Get Outdoors Day

Baker City, Oregon - - - Trail Tenders, Incorporated and The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon will offer a photo contest and a photography workshop as part of National Get Outdoors Day events.

The first National Get Outdoors Day will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will emphasize reaching new and first time visitors to public lands. By offering diverse activities and opportunities, this national effort will broaden appreciation for and interest in the great outdoors – and awareness of its benefits. Plans are for the day to continue on the second Saturday of each subsequent June.

National Get Outdoors Day was launched by a partnership of several private non-profit organizations, federal agencies, and recreation industry businesses. The aim is to further efforts to connect nature and kids – fighting Nature Deficit Disorder and addressing the alarming health trends resulting from physical inactivity. Activities are designed to create special interpretive opportunities and use new technologies to appeal to youth and non-traditional users, and highlighting the benefits of outdoor activities. More information is available on [www.getoutdoorsusa.org](http://www.getoutdoorsusa.org).

On June 12th professional photographer Kevin Bradford of Aspen Digital Graphics will be giving a 30 minute presentation on the art of taking photographs at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center beginning at 10:00 am. Kevin will be available following the presentation to answer individual questions and provide advice.

A photo contest sponsored by Trail Tenders encourages individuals to get outdoors on the 14th and take photographs. Awards will be given to the outstanding photograph falling in the categories of Family Outdoors, Favorite Places and Outdoor Activity. Entry forms and criteria are available at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, by e-mailing [ots@eoni.com](mailto:ots@eoni.com), or by calling 541-523-1844

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$5. Seniors are \$3.50. Children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov) for more information about the Center, or call 541-523-1843 for updates on programs and events.

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