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## **National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will Sponsor an Oregon Chautauqua Program from the Oregon Council for the Humanities.**

(Baker City, Ore.)— Every school child knows that Americans fought with Great Britain for independence in 1776, and most of us recall that America again battled the British in the War of 1812. What fewer of us realize is that the United States almost went to war with Britain a third time—over Oregon. In the 1830s and '40s the young country was prepared to wage war on Great Britain over the disputed territory boundary. Fiery speeches were delivered in Congress, and public sentiment against the British ran high.

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is pleased to host an Oregon Chautauqua program from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. In *Becoming Oregon: A Printed History*, Bob Hamm shares primary resources—newspapers, woodcuts, accurate and inaccurate maps, and early photographs—from the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804–06) to the Lewis and Clark Exposition (1905) that illustrate Oregon's place in the national imagination. This public program will take place on Friday, October 3 at 1:00 in the Leo Adler Theater located inside the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

OCH is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities that is dedicated to the belief that knowledge and ideas are fundamental to the health of our communities. More information about OCH's programs and publications, which include Oregon Chautauqua, Humanity in Perspective, and *Oregon Humanities* magazine, can be found at [www.oregonhum.org](http://www.oregonhum.org).

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 \$8. Seniors are \$4.50. 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. For information on this and other events in Baker County, Oregon over Labor Day Weekend, call 1-800-523-1235.

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