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Pioneer Craft Workshops at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Oregon: The Pioneer Craft series of workshops at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center continues with two upcoming classes.

On Saturday, February 28, 2009 a four hour workshop beginning at 11:00 am teaches how to make scout style moccasins. This traditional frontier style shoe is worn by pioneer re-enactors at the Interpretive Center, and is known for its casual comfort and durability. Modern day pioneers can learn to make these shoes for everyday use as well. Guided instruction will lead participants in making a finished pair of shoes. All materials are included in cost of class. Pre-registration is required in order to get supplies, so sign up is required by February 22. Cost for workshop is \$30.00.

On Saturday, March 14th, 2009, Marty Harriman will again offer the popular Leather Tooling Workshop for adult learners. This four hour workshop beginning at 11:00 am provides background on the history of this craft combined with instruction on different techniques and tooled designs, and guidance for small, leather working projects that can be easily completed by novices. Preregistration is required by February 28th. Workshop fee of \$15 includes all supplies.

Contact the Interpretive Center at 541-523-1843 to register or for more details on the classes. Check the website at oregontrail.blm.gov for information on more upcoming pioneer craft workshops offered throughout the year.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For more information call (541) 523-1843 or visit the web at oregontrail.blm.gov. The Interpretive Center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management and is a federal fee site. Admission for adults is \$5 and seniors are \$3.50. Free fee days are offered monthly. Federal passes are accepted.

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