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Pioneer Wagon Encampment at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Oregon- A Pioneer Wagon Encampment event May 23rd, 24th, and 25th at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will recreate the activities and typical food of the overland emigrants 150 years ago.

On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm costumed interpreters will provide Dutch oven cooking demonstrations at the Center's outdoor wagon encampment. Samples are available for visitors. A variety of dishes will be prepared, all using historic recipes and ingredients that were available to overland pioneers. Dishes will include freshly prepared stews, cobblers, and biscuits, but the typical daily monotonous pioneer fare of hard tack, dried fruit, and beans will also be on hand.

Pioneer activities will include black powder shooting demonstrations, gold panning, quilting, food preservation, toys and games, and laundering. Pioneer music is planned at the wagon encampment each day, and visitors will be offered instruction in early American country dancing. The special children's exhibit "Pack Your Wagon" will be available in the Flagstaff Gallery, and living history presentations are scheduled in the Leo Adler Theater.

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 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 Memorial Day Weekend, call 1-800-523-1235.

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