

2011 Schedule of Interpretive Activities

National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City, Oregon

(This schedule as of May 6, 2011. Any changes, additions or cancellations will be posted on the web at oregontrail.blm.gov)

2011- Free Fee Days

January 19th Wednesday

February 7th Monday

March 11th Friday

April 5th Tuesday

May 19th Thursday

June 4th Saturday *National Trails Day*

September 24th Saturday *National Public Lands Day*

October 7th Friday

November 11th Thursday

December 4th Sunday

Special Exhibits

February 26-July 5 Critters, Costumes and Curiosity *A interactive exhibit for younger visitors, with a full scale pack your wagon activity, try-on costumes, puppets, animal tracks, and more.*

September 2 – October 14 The Trail That Lay Before Them *A special exhibit of contemporary art quilts from across the nation reinterprets everyday life on the Oregon Trail.*

Special Events

May 28-29 **Memorial Day Weekend Wagon Encampment** *An outdoor encampment depicting pioneers traveling on the trail, with food, music, stories, demonstrations, and first person historical interpretation.*

June 4 **National Trails Day “OPEN THE GATE” event and “Run to the Ruts” 5K Fun Run.** *Family activities, gold panning, carriage rides, dutch oven lunch, music, dedication of new gate, and a run/walk on the hiking trails at NHOTIC.*

August 27 - **Starry Night Star Party** *Join local astronomy enthusiasts to learn about the night skies over eastern Oregon.*

September 3-4 **Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment.** *Experience the food, music, stories, and activities of an Oregon Trail wagon train “nooning” .*

September 24 **National Public Lands Day** *Volunteer activities to improve and learn about public lands.*

October 8 **Oregon Trail Music Festival.** *A celebration of 19th century pioneer era music, as well as contemporary music that celebrates the pioneer spirit of Oregon. Special presentations on acoustic and traditional instruments, dancing, and opportunities to sing and play along with featured musicians.*

November 25 **Family Fun Day** – *a post-Thanksgiving activity day, with crafts, activities, and programs planned for family and friends of all ages to share.*

December 4 **Holiday Open House** *Our annual thank you to the local community, the open house features seasonal refreshments, historic style decorations, music and plays in the theater, and costumed interpreters.*

Theater Programs

The Interpretive Center hosts visiting lecturers, dramatic performers, interpreters and musicians presenting specialized topics and programs on westward migration themes. In addition, Interpretive Center staff interpreters offer a daily schedule of living history presentations, lectures, hikes, and films. Visit our website at oregontrail.blm.gov or call 541-523-1843 for the latest schedule of theater programs and featured presenters.

Karen Haas - living history May 27-29

Michael Terry – “People of the Plains” June 18-21

Bill Boycott - folk music June 26-30

Hank Cramer - folk music July 1-5

“Illinois” Doug Tracy - folk music August 4-6

Raptor Program from Birds of Prey - June 15 and August 3

Mike Follin as Dr. Balthazar and his traveling Medicine Show August 19-22

Educational Activities

Student Activities Days: *Interpreter led activities for visiting school groups. May 6, 12, 18, & 23.*

Thursday Outdoor Club: *Every Thursday June 9-August 25.*

Workshops

The Interpretive Center offers workshops for personal enrichment, professional development for interpreters, as well as for continuing education units. Topics are based around our themes of westward migration, natural history, exploration of the west, Native Americans along the Oregon Trail, early day mining and settlement, and history of the Bureau of Land Management.

June 18th Survivor Kid A one day workshop for young adventurers ages 7-11. Learn about surviving and thriving in the wilderness using skills practiced by Great Basin Natives and frontiersmen such as rubbing sticks to start fire and using wild plants for food.

June 25th Dutch-oven Breakfast Workshop Learn to cook—and then sample!—breakfast cooked outdoors in a dutch oven. Recipes will include typical Oregon Trail breakfast fare, as well modern recipes.

August 13-14 Blacksmithing Workshop White Hart Forge from Portland will teach basic introductory blacksmithing.

TBA Interpretive Skills Workshops August and October

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