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Folk Musicians perform at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, ORE. Visitors to the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will hear the history of the west as preserved through folk music, with several presentations over the next two weeks.

Musician and storyteller Bill Boycott will present three daily programs June 28-30 at 11:30, 1:00 & 2:00 and July 1-2 at 10:30, noon and 2:00 in the Leo Adler Theater located inside the Trail Center. Boycott uses music both traditional and contemporary to tell the story of the pioneers who settled the West. In another program, Boycott demonstrates the art of Indian Sign Language used by Native Americans, explorers, and traders to communicate in an era when many cultures were moving about the Great Plains and the Pacific Northwest. Boycott accompanies himself on guitar and banjo.

Popular northwest folk singer Hank Cramer will present his program “Wanderin’ Minstrel” July 4th-7th. Daily performances are at 10:30, noon & 2:00. His repertoire is a mix of original, traditional, and contemporary folk songs. His songs tell the stories of pioneers, cowboys, sailors, soldiers, miners, adventurers, and drifters that inhabited the historic west. That fits with Hank’s life story: he has been an underground miner, a professional soldier, shanty-man on a square-rigged ship, wrangler for a high country outfitter, and a world traveler. Those experiences make Hank’s music ring with a special authenticity. He is an avid historian and presents educational programs which weave together music, history, and cultural traditions.

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 call 1-800-523-1235.

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