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“Wagon’s Ho!” Kid’s exhibit re-opens at Trail Center!

BAKER CITY, Ore. – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is reopening the popular annual children’s exhibit “Wagon’s Ho! An Interactive Oregon Trail Experience” on February 16. The special exhibit runs until June 4.

The exhibit is offered annually during spring months to provide hands-on educational activities for school groups and families. This year the exhibit features new elements on wildlife habitats, updated pioneer clothing try-on activity and puppet theater, and updated versions of seven other activities. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a full scale packable pioneer wagon with foam blocks representing all the items needed for a cross country journey by pioneers. An Oregon Trail game offers choices and dilemmas encountered on the frontier journey.

The exhibit was funded with grants from Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Heritage Commission, Trail Tenders, and fee revenue. A new downloadable class activity guide with lesson plans to use with the exhibit is available on the Center’s website. The exhibit activities meet many elementary level curriculum benchmarks in a fun and entertaining way for group class visits, as well as offering a great intergenerational experience for families. For additional assistance in planning a group visit, please call the Center.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily starting February 14. Admission for adults is \$5; for seniors it’s \$3.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted.

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. For more information about the Trail Center visit:

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