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Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, OR – A wagon encampment by historic re-enactors will provide a step back in time for families and travelers visiting the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center over Labor Day Weekend.

Historic re-enactors will present an Oregon Trail pioneer wagon camp on Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1, 2013, from 10:00 to 3:00 each day. Demonstrations of pioneer lifeways include dutch-oven cooking, pioneer games, quilting, woodworking, and music. “Bullwhackin Kass” will have her team of oxen on site to give demonstrations of how teamsters used animal power to drive wagons and equipment on the frontier. Mountain men re-enactors will have a camp of early day fur traders.

On Saturday, August 31st, author Ken Johnston will discuss his book “Legendary Truths, Peter Lassen & His Gold Rush Trail in Fact & Fable” at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the Leo Adler Theater.

Visitors will have the opportunity to experience the special exhibit “Sinners and Saints” in the Flagstaff Gallery. This exhibit closes Monday, September 9th.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 miles east of Baker City 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. For more information about the Center, go to: <http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/> or call 541-523-1843. For information on activities in Baker County go to: <http://www.visitbaker.com/> or call 1-800-523-1235

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