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Stargazing programs at Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Oregon- Interpretive programs to learn about the sky are scheduled at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Saturday September 12.

Local astronomer Ric Riencks will present a program on solar viewing in the morning at 10:00 am. After hours evening programs begin at 6:00 with a 90 minute evening hike led by Jonathan Richardson, discussing the landscape and viewing the sunset. Night time viewing begins at 8:00 pm and lasts until 11:00, and is free to the public. Participants in the evening program are requested to observe star gazing etiquette of using no lights, other than red lights, to improve visibility for all star gazers. Star gazing will take place on the east side parking lots of Flagstaff Hill. Gates will close at 8:00pm to reduce the light interference from car headlights on the site's driveway. Weather conditions can impact the event, so visitor should contact the Center for an update if cloudy weather is obscuring skies.

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

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