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## **Pioneer Wagon Encampment at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**

Baker City, Oregon- A Pioneer Wagon Encampment event May 29th, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31st at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will recreate the activities and typical food of the overland emigrants 150 years ago.

On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm costumed interpreters will provide Dutch oven cooking demonstrations at the Center's outdoor wagon encampment. Samples are available for visitors. All dishes prepared use historic recipes and ingredients that were available to overland pioneers. Dishes will include freshly prepared stews, cobblers, and biscuits, as well as the typical daily monotonous pioneer fare of hard tack, dried fruit, and beans. Interpreters provide historical background on frontier food of the 1850s, and the Oregon Trail Shop located on site has a variety of historic cookbooks and copies of historic recipes available.

A blacksmithing demonstration, mountain man and black powder shooting, children's games, music and pioneer dancing are offered daily. The special children's exhibit "Pack Your Wagon" will be available in the Flagstaff Gallery. A living history presentation "Narcissa Whitman" by Karen Haas of Tacoma is scheduled for daily performances at 10:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm in the Leo Adler Theater.

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](http://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 Memorial Day Weekend, call 1-800-523-1235.

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