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Host of Activities Available for Interpretive Center Visitors in June

Baker City, Ore. – Several special interpretive presentation programs are available for visitors to the National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in June. Visitors and families can enjoy the outdoors and learn about the Old West during summer their vacations.

June 15 programming focuses on Wild Horses. BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialists will provide information on adopting wild horses and perform training demonstrations with yearling mustangs.

Another presentation called “Horse Sense” will feature an adopted wild horse, and explain how horses have survived in the wild over generations. There will also be two showings of the documentary “Unbranded” in the Leo Adler Theater.

On June 18 and 19, Michael “Bad Hand” Terry will present his program “People of the Plains” in the Leo Adler Theater from 10:30 to noon and from 1:30 to 4:00. He will be discussing history and traditions of the Plains Indians, as well as his research and work in producing authentic replicas of tools, dress, and equipment of the Plains tribes.

From June 22 through 28, featured performer Buffalo Bill Boycott will be presenting programs daily at 11:00, 12:30, and 2:00 in the Leo Adler Theater. Boycott’s programs use folk music, both historic and contemporary, to tell stories about the Old West. Harmonizing with his partner “Dr. Jo,” Boycott’s music engages visitors in the spirit of the Old West with stories, songs, and traditional acoustic instrumentation. At 12:30 each day, he presents a program on Indian Sign Language, and how this style of communication was used to bridge the many cultures in frontier America.

For youngsters, the “Thursday Outdoor Club” starts its summer run June 16. The club features interactive programs aimed at the younger visitors and learning about nature. The Club meets Thursdays at 1:30. Attend one session, or all. It is free to all youngsters.

Living History programs in the Leo Adler Theater are scheduled daily, and include a variety of historic characters bringing history to life. Park Rangers are offering outdoor activities to include gold panning, black powder shooting demonstrations, and guided nature walks when weather permits.

“Wagons Ho! Experience the Oregon Trail” continues in the Flagstaff Gallery through July 4. This special exhibit uses costumes, life-sized games, puppets, and a full-scale packable pioneer wagon for youngsters to learn about Oregon heritage and the frontier adventure.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8.00; for seniors it’s \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For more information about the Trail Center visit oregontrail.blm.gov.

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