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## **New Programs and Workshops for Spring at Trail Center**

**BAKER CITY, OREGON**-The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will extend hours starting Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> to 9:00 am to 6:00 pm to accommodate tourists, with many additional programs, activities and workshops added to the daily schedules.

Staff and volunteer interpreters have created several new programs, including living history presentations and guided hikes, and frontier skills workshops. The interactive children's exhibit "Wagons Ho!" is open daily throughout the next two months. Wildflowers are appearing and milder weather is providing opportunities for outdoor activities for visiting school or group visits.

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> there are two workshops on making frontier-style Rag Rugs. From 10:00 am -1:00 pm is a braiding technique; in the afternoon from 1:00-4:00 is a crocheting technique, participants should know how to crochet. \$15 workshop fee for each session includes all materials and supplies, and participants will leave each session with a small rug or mat to finish at home. Beginner to intermediate skill level, ages 12 or over. Pre-registration required by calling 541-523-1844.

Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, is a free day with activities to celebrate our planet and think about ways to care for our environment. From 10:00-2:00 that day there will be a drop-in workshop to create seed starter kits entirely of recycled materials.

New programs include "Packing for the Journey" "The Ghost of William Whiskey Davis" and "We Walked" all based on original Oregon Trail diaries and pioneer experiences. Programs are presented in the Leo Adler Theater, with current calendar always available on the Center's website.

School classes or other groups planning a trip are encouraged to check the website or call the information line for specific information and best available dates to arrange a group visit.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located east of Baker City, Oregon. Take Exit 302 from Interstate-84 onto Oregon Highway 86 and proceed five miles. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily; 9:00 am to 6:00 pm starting April 20<sup>th</sup>. Admission for adults is \$8; seniors are \$4.50; and 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 an update on programs and events. For information on other events in Baker County, Oregon, call (800) 523-1235.

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