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Workshops scheduled through summer at Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Oregon- The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center has a variety of educational workshops scheduled through the summer. All workshops are related to pioneer era crafts and skills, and to developing a better understanding of America's frontier roots.

May 30 - Dutch Oven Cooking. A four hour workshop on the basics of outdoor cooking using Dutch Oven cookpots.

June 19 - Storytelling with Karen Haas. In this two hour long workshop, this experienced storyteller will share techniques for sharing your family history and heritage using storytelling techniques to craft a fascinating presentation - and prevent boring your relatives at family reunions!

June 20-21 - Sketching with Irene Brady. This two day workshop, six hours each day, covers the basics of sketching with pencils and colored pencils to document your travels, hikes, observations. Students will practice on landscapes, plants, and historic artifacts at the Interpretive Center. All materials are provided.

June 27-28 - Journaling with Irene Brady. This can be taken alone, or added to the previous workshop. In this two day, six hours each day workshop, students are guided on steps to write their observations and thoughts in poetry and prose, and to create journal pages using text and sketches. All materials are provided.

September 12-13 - Blacksmithing. Smiths from White Hart Forge in Portland will teach the basics of working with metal to beginners. This is a hands-on workshop.

All workshops have limited space; pre-registration is required. Some of the workshops have age limits. Fees are required for the Dutch Oven Cooking, Sketching, Journaling, and Blacksmithing workshops. For more information or to register call 541-523-1843 or e-mail OR_NHOTIC_Mail@blm.gov.

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 other events in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

