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Civil War Volunteers to recreate a Military Camp on the Oregon Trail

Baker City, Oregon- The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will host the Idaho Civil War Volunteers historical re-enactor group in a recreation of a military encampment on the Oregon Trail in the 1860s. The camp will be outdoors on Saturday and Sunday, June 13th and 14th.

The Idaho Civil War Volunteers research both Union and Confederate troops and portray military life during the Civil War era of the early 1860's at re-enactment events, schools, civic functions, parades, and cemetery services. For this event they will show life in a military camp plus a full civilian contingent which may include a Company Kitchen, Assistant Regimental Surgeon, Sanitary Commission, Laundress, Infantry and possibly a 12 pound Napoleon - which is a small cannon.

They will set up camp during the day and overnight for Friday and Saturday nights, where they will be demonstrating drill, camp life, and civilian life during the Civil War years, and discuss with visitors how the Civil War was experienced for Westerners. Many volunteer units from western states went east to fight in the war, many others stayed out west as Trail escorts, or to quell tensions caused by early settlement and the early days of the Oregon and Idaho gold rushes.

If weather condition permit they will fire off their Napoleon two to three times per day. Encampment hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, and 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday.

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.

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