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## Winter Workshops at Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

Baker City, Oregon: The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be offering some special interest workshops during January and February that focus on pioneer heritage and frontier crafts.

“Finding Your Oregon Trail Ancestors” scheduled for Sunday, January 17 at 1:00 is a genealogy workshop with demonstrations and instruction on how to use some of the best internet research sites for finding overland emigrants. The presentation also looks at directories of Oregon Trail documents from various historical organizations and government archives. A packet of handouts will be available for all participants to help them hunt for their specific pioneer ancestors. Interpretive Center staffers Kelly Burns and Cheri Garver will share practical tips they have learned from assisting hundreds of visitors to the Center in tracing Oregon Trail lineage. No pre-registration or additional charge is required for this workshop which will be held in the Leo Adler Theater located in the Interpretive Center.

On Sunday, January 24 a “Rag Rug Workshop” will offer instruction and hands-on practice into the practical frontier craft of recycling old clothes into rugs. The variety of methods of creating historic-style rag rugs will be discussed, and a crochet method - which can be used with a variety of available materials - will be taught. A \$10 fee covers all costs. Pre-registration is requested by calling the Center. Workshop is from 1:00-3:30 pm, and is suitable for ages 10 and up.

A “Moccasin Making” workshop is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00-3:00, with instruction and supplies in making historical-style frontier footwear. The \$30 fee covers all costs to produce a finished pair of moccasins. Pre-registration is required.

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 4 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$5, seniors are \$3.50, 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 other events over the holiday weekend in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

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