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Pioneer Wagon Encampment Memorial Day Weekend at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, ORE. – A pioneer wagon encampment living history event is happening Memorial Day Weekend 10:00-2:00 each day May 28-29-30 at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Costumed re-enactors at an outdoor circle of wagons demonstrate pioneer crafts and prepare food in dutch ovens using historic recipes from the Oregon Trail era. Visitors can try samples of food. Early day missionaries Jason Lee and Narcissa Whitman will be represented. Karen Haas will present her living history drama on Narcissa Whitman as well as characters from the fur trade and the Oregon Trail in presentations in the Leo Adler Theater on Saturday and Sunday.

A team of oxen will be on hand. Visitors can practice gold panning at the outdoor sluice, and black powder demonstrations will be held throughout the day.

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 daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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 and activities in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

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