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Family Fun Day at Trail Center

Baker City, Ore. – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will offer a variety of pioneer style activities and simple frontier crafts for families to share together during “Family Fun Day” the day after Thanksgiving, Friday Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For families with youngsters and holiday visitors looking for an alternative to shopping, the activities will provide opportunities to have fun while learning. Crafts include making beeswax candles, colorful leaf rubbings, and rice cake birdfeeders. Activities include a scavenger hunt, classic American games such as Jackstraws and Simon Says, as well as traditional Native American games like *Tasiha Unpi (Catching Deer Bones with a Needle)*. The video Pioneer Life for Children series will be shown throughout the day including “The Pioneer Journey Westward” and “Daily Pioneer Life”. Frontier toys show and tell demonstration will also be ongoing 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 Interpretive 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 for more information about the Interpretive Center, or call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on this and other activities in Baker County, Oregon, call 1 (800) 523-1235.

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