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Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, OR – A wagon encampment by historic reenactors will provide a step back in time for families and travelers visiting the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center over Labor Day Weekend.

Historic re-enactors will present an Oregon Trail pioneer wagon camp on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30-31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Demonstrations of pioneer life include Dutch-oven cooking, pioneer games, quilting, woodworking, music and dancing. “Bullwhackin Kass” will have her team of oxen on site to give demonstrations of how teamsters used animal power to drive wagons and equipment on the frontier. Mountain men reenactors will demonstrate black powder shooting and frontier survival skills.

Visitors can also view the special exhibit “Traveling Light: 200 Years of Camping in the West” in the Flagstaff Gallery, and join in nature hikes on the Center’s trail system.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8.00; for seniors it’s \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For more information about the Trail Center visit www.oregontrail.blm.gov.

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