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Meet the Pioneers and Karen Haas at Trail Center

BAKER CITY, OR. – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is offering two days of special programs featuring historic re-enactors and demonstrations of frontier life on Saturday and Sunday May 24 and 25.

Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day, volunteers and staff will demonstrate pioneer skills such as quilting, crafts, and food. Visitor will be able to participate in making beeswax candles or rag dolls. Presentations by roving interpreters portraying pioneers include “John Stewart” and “Joe Meek”.

Featured performer Karen Haas will appear three times daily in the Leo Adler Theater from May 23-25. Her programs are “Wagons West,” “Eliza Jane Meeker- Pioneer Memories & Future Dreams,” and “Narcissa Whitman.” Program times are 10:30 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Karen Haas will also present a storytelling workshop on Memorial Day, Monday May 26. Participants are invited to discover their hidden talents at this fun and interactive workshop. There is a fee of \$25 for the class, or it is free with a Trail Tender membership.

“Wagons Ho! An Interactive Oregon Trail Experience” continues in the Flagstaff Gallery. This special exhibit uses costumes, life size games, puppets, and a full-scale packable pioneer wagon for youngsters to learn about Oregon heritage and the frontier adventure. All hiking trails at the Interpretive Center are open. Conditions are excellent for bird watching, wildflower sighting and picnicking, or taking the self-guided geology walk.

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 ww.oregontrail.blm.gov.

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