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Programs & Activities at Trail Center offer lots for June visitors

BAKER CITY, OREGON- Several special interpretive presentation programs are available over the next two weeks at the National Historic Trail Interpretive Center – providing lots of opportunities for visitors and youngsters to enjoy the outdoors and learn about the old west.

Featured performer Buffalo Bill Boycott will be presenting programs daily at 10:30, noon, and 2 p.m. in the Leo Adler Theater June 27 through July 1. Boycott’s programs use his talents with folk music, both historic and contemporary, to tell stories about the old west. Harmonizing with his partner “Dr. Jo”, Boycott’s music engages visitors in the spirit of the old west with stories, songs, and traditional acoustic instrumentation. At noon each day, he presents a program on Indian Sign Language, and how this style of communication was used to bridge the many cultures in frontier America.

For youngsters, the “Thursday Outdoor Club” starts its summer run June 25 with programs aimed just at the younger set. This year’s series is titled “Survival Edition” with each session focusing on what we can learn from animals and plants about survival in the outdoors, and will include practical tips and practice, putting together a survival kit, and other activities to help youth build outdoor skills. The Club meets Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Attend one session, or all.

Living History programs in the Leo Adler Theater are scheduled daily, and include a variety of historic characters bringing history to life. Park Rangers are offering outdoor activities of gold panning, black powder shooting demonstrations, and “Ranger at the Ruts” when weather permits. Dates and times can be found on the program calendar posted on the Center’s website.

“Wagons Ho! Experience the Oregon Trail” continues in the Flagstaff Gallery through June 7. 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.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located east of Baker City, Oregon. Take Exit 302 from Interstate-84 onto Oregon Highway 86 and proceed five miles. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. 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 an update on programs and events.

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