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Spring Break Activities for Families at Interpretive Center

BAKER CITY, OREGON-The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is hosting several workshops and activities for families during Spring Break this year, March 23 through the 26.

Trail Tenders is sponsoring workshops on pioneer-inspired crafts and activities. Learn to dip a beeswax candle, make simple toys, goose feather quill pens, bake hardtack, braid rag rugs, make lanterns and leather journals. Costumed interpreters will guide each activity sharing facts and stories, and creating items to take home. Each day includes a pioneer luncheon, cooked in Dutch ovens using Oregon Trail-era recipes. Bring the whole family and make a day of it! Special family packages are available, and include community deals from local sponsors for lodging, meals, shopping and other tourism activities in Baker City.

Pre-registration is highly suggested as there is limited space availability. To register, call (541) 523-1852 or email ots1844@gmail.com. Details and complete schedule information are available at trailtenders.org

Monday March 23: Make a leather journal and quill pen.

Tuesday March 24: Hardtack and braided rugs.

Wednesday March 25: Making lanterns and candles.

Thursday March 27: Dutch oven cooking class and multiple pioneer activity stations.

Workshops are suitable for ages 8 and up, but activities for younger ages will also be offered each day that include role playing, costumes, stories and activities of pioneers and miners. The interactive children's exhibit "Wagons Ho! Experience the Oregon Trail" is open daily throughout the month.

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 4 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$5; seniors are \$3.50; and 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. For information on other events in Baker County, Oregon, call (800) 523-1235.

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