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Pioneer Wagon Encampment at Trail Center

Baker City, Ore. – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be re-enacting an Oregon Trail Pioneer Wagon Encampment on September 3 and 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a special evening concert on Friday September 2 at 6:00 p.m.

The Labor Day Weekend activities start with music by folk singer Hank Cramer and Friends at the Trail Center's outdoor amphitheater Friday at 6:00 pm. Hosted by Trail Tenders, the cost is \$5.00 at the gate. Cramer's program includes an assortment of folk and contemporary music about the west.

Located outdoors in a circle of replica covered wagons, historical re-enactors cook meals over open fires, and offer samples of the types of food pioneers ate on the trail such as bison stew, bean and bacon, biscuits and cobbler. Dressed in clothing representative of the 1850s, and using tools and materials of the time, interpreters demonstrate a variety of trade skills, technology, and everyday activities used six or more generations back.

Visiting interpreters include blacksmith Peter Clark, wheelwright Jack Colwell, and teamster Bullwhackin' Kass with her team of oxen. A mountain man will share stories and lore of the fur trade era while demonstrating flint knapping. Musical duo Carter Junction will perform frontier era folk music.

On Saturday and Sunday the program "An Evening Chat" will be in the Leo Adler Theater at 2 p.m.

The special exhibit "The Native Landscape" will be open in the Flagstaff Gallery. The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8 and \$4.50 for seniors; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are also accepted.

Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events or visit www.oregontrail.blm.gov.

Photos from the 2014 Wagon Encampment are free for use and can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2bMUltp>.

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