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## Labor Day Weekend Wagon Encampment at Trail Center

**BAKER CITY, Ore.** – A wagon encampment by historic re-enactors highlights programs and activities for families and travelers visiting the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center over Labor Day Weekend.

Volunteer historic re-enactors will recreate the sights and smells of a pioneer wagon camp on Saturday and Sunday September 3-4, 2011, from 10:00 to 2:00 each day. Demonstrations include dutch-oven cooking, leatherworking, and frontier herbs and medicines. “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 re-enactors will have a small camp showcasing the frontier lifestyle of early day fur traders and explorers.

Musician Rick Meyers brings his program “Old Time Music Show” to the Leo Adler Theater inside the Center at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Meyers uses several antique musical instruments to demonstrate how pioneers made music before the days of radio and MP3 players. The program has some audience participation, and is especially suitable for children and families.

On Monday, the program “Campfire Conversations” from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. features pioneer re-enactors answering any and all questions from visitors about life on the trail and how to research your pioneer ancestors, while serving up biscuits and coffee made over the campfire. In the program “Albert Fenner” at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Leo Adler Theater, interpreter Dave Jason portrays a frontier businessman supplying the mine camps.

The special quilt exhibit “The Trail That Lay Before Them” will be open throughout the weekend in the Flagstaff Gallery, with contemporary art quilts on the Oregon Trail theme.

The NHOTIC, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8; for seniors it’s \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov) for more information about the Center, or call 541-523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on this and other events in Baker County, Oregon call 1-800-523-1235.

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