



NATIONAL HISTORIC
OREGON TRAIL
INTERPRETIVE CENTER

BAKER CITY, OREGON



April 2015 Calendar of Programs & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Programs are subject to change depending on staff availability. Additional programs may be added.			1	2 An Evening Chat 11:00	3 The Parting 11:00	4 Packing for the Journey 11:00
5 Equine or Bovine 11:00	6	7	8	9 An Evening Chat 11:00	10 Campfire Conversations 11:00-12:00	11 Black Powder Shooting Demo 11:00 A Visit With Joe Meek 1:00
12 Black Powder Shooting Demo 11:00	13	14	15	16 Windows in Time 11:00	17 Journey's End 11:00	18 Ranger Talk 11:00 Surviving the Oregon Trail 1:00
19 Begin Summer hours The Ghost of William "Whiskey" Davis 1:00	20	21	22 Free Admission Earth Day: Flint Knapping 10:00-3:00	23 Gold Panning 10:30 – 12:00 An Evening Chat 1:00	24 Ranger at the Ruts 10:00 – 11:00 Packing for the Journey 1:00	25 Ranger Talk 11:00 A Visit With Joe Meek 1:00
26 Horse Sense 1:00	27	28	29 Black Powder Shooting Demo 11:00	30 An Evening Chat 1:00		

Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through April 18th

Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting April 19th

Please call 541-523-1843 for further information or visit oregontrail.blm.gov

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

An Evening Chat: Share an “evening chat” with Interpreter Susan Kolb, recalling the highlights and hardships of one woman’s Oregon Trail experience. (20 minutes)

A Visit with Joe Meek: Ranger Jeremy Martin portrays the colorful mountain man and fur trapper Joseph Meek. Listen to some of Meek’s most infamous adventures and the occasional tall tale in his own words. (30 minutes)

Black Powder Shooting Demo: Learn from mountain man, Joe Meek, the proper way to load and fire a flintlock and percussion cap rifle. (15 minutes)

Campfire Conversations: Join Staff Interpreter Cheri Garver at the “Blue Mountain Camp” for conversations about the Oregon Trail, the overland emigrants, Baker Valley, and the natural history of eastern Oregon.

Equine or Bovine: Join Staff Interpreter Calvin Henshaw in the Leo Adler Theater as he portrays a pioneer pondering the pros & cons of different draft animals. See how he made the choice of which animal to use to power his wagon across the country. (20 minutes)

Gold Panning Demo: Stop by the gold sluice on the trail system where we will demonstrate the techniques involved in panning for gold. (Ongoing)

Horse Sense: Join Interpreter Calvin Henshaw as he discusses how horses’ senses and reaction have enabled the species to survive against predators throughout time. (15 minutes)

Nature Hike: Come along for a leisurely walk outside of the Interpretive Center and learn about life on Flagstaff Hill. (45 minutes)

Packing for the Journey: Interpreter Cheri Garver presents a program based on the journals of emigrant women, who left behind family and friends to make the journey westward. (15 minutes)

Ranger at the Ruts: Join living history interpreter, Rachael Nickens at the Oregon Trail ruts for a glimpse of life along the trail. (Ongoing)

Ranger Talk: Join one of our park interpreters for a program of their choice. Learn about pioneers, mining, natural history, or any one of our living history presentations. (20-30 minutes)

Surviving the Oregon Trail: Do you think you have what it takes to survive the overland journey to the Oregon Country? Park Ranger Jeremy discusses what it would take for you to make it across the Great American Desert. (20 minutes)

The Ghost of William “Whiskey” Davis: Interpreter Calvin Henshaw tells this haunting narrative of hardship and loss on the Oregon Trail. (20 minutes)

The Golden Days of Mining: Park Ranger Jeremy Martin explains why people came back on the “Old Emigrant Road,” and if it is possible to still find precious metals in the hills of Baker County. (15 minutes)

The Parting: Staff Interpreter Rachael Nickens portrays a woman who journeys to Oregon with her husband and children, but must leave her sisters, childhood home, and friends behind. (20 minutes)

Windows in Time: A living history drama offers a glimpse into the lives of early day homesteaders in Oregon. (15 minutes)

Activities

Earth Day: Free admission this Earth Day. From 10:00 to 3:00 join Ranger Jeremy on the back patio as he shows you how to “upcycle” glass bottles into arrowheads using the ancient skill of flint knapping.

Flagstaff Gallery

Wagons Ho! An Interactive Oregon Trail Experience

February 12 – July 6

This popular hands-on exhibit returns! Test your pioneer skills with a full-scale replica wagon, try on pioneer clothing, and join in the trail activities. This exhibit is an engaging educational experience for visitors of all ages.