



NATIONAL HISTORIC  
**OREGON TRAIL**  
INTERPRETIVE CENTER

BAKER CITY, OREGON



## September 2014 Calendar of Programs & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Equine or Bovine</b> 12:00 & 2:00	2 <b>The Ghost of William "Whiskey" Davis</b> 12:00 & 2:00	3 <b>The Parting</b> 10:30 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 1:00 & 3:00	4 <b>An Evening Chat</b> 11:00 & 1:30 <b>The Parting</b> 12:30	5 <b>The Parting</b> 12:30 <b>The Golden Days of Mining</b> 1:00 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 2:00	6 <b>A Nature Stroll</b> 10:30 <b>Packing for the Journey</b> 11:00 & 2:00
7 <b>Horse Sense</b> 11:00 & 1:30 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 2:00	8 Traveling Light exhibit closes <b>The Ghost of William "Whiskey" Davis</b> 12:00 & 2:00	9	10 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 11:00 & 2:00	11 <b>An Evening Chat</b> 11:00 & 1:00 <b>The Parting</b> 2:00	12 <b>Conversations by the Campfire</b> 10:30-12:00 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 2:00	13 <b>Blacksmithing Workshop</b> 9:00-4:00 <b>A Nature Stroll</b> 10:30 <b>Conversations by the Campfire</b> 12:00-1:30 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 2:00
14 <b>The Golden Days of Mining</b> 11:00 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 2:00	15	16 <b>The Ghost of William "Whiskey" Davis</b> 12:00 & 2:00	17 <b>The Parting</b> 10:30 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 12:00 & 2:00	18 <b>We Walked</b> 11:00 & 2:00	19 High Desert Dreams Exhibit opens <b>A Nature Stroll</b> 10:30 <b>The Parting</b> 11:00 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 2:00	20 <b>Dutch-Oven Workshop</b> 10:00 – 12:00 <b>Packing for the Journey</b> 11:00 & 2:00 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 1:00
21 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 11:00 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 2:00	22	23 <b>The Parting</b> 1:00	24 <b>Packing for the Journey</b> 11:00 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 12:00 & 2:00	25 <b>An Evening Chat</b> 11:00 & 1:00 <b>The Parting</b> 2:00	26 <b>A Visit With Joe Meek</b> 11:00 <b>Conversations by the Campfire</b> 12:00-1:30	27 Free Admission <b>National Public Lands Day</b> 9:00 – 12:00 <b>Hank Cramer</b> 10:30, 12:00, 2:00
28 <b>Ranger Talk</b> 11:00 <b>Equine or Bovine</b> 12:00 & 2:00	29 <b>Equine or Bovine</b> 10:00 <b>Horse Sense</b> 2:00	30	Programs are subject to change depending on staff availability. Additional programs may be added.			

**Open Daily | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 541-523-1843 for further information or visit [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://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)

**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)

**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 min)

**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)

**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)

**We Walked:** Interpreter Susan Kolb tells the story of a pioneer reminiscing on her time walking the Oregon Trail compared to her neighbor, Mary Ringo’s trip a few years later. (15 minutes)

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

## **Activities**

**National Public Lands Day:** “Helping hands for America’s land,” get your hands dirty and help better your public lands. Volunteers will receive a free National Public Lands Day t-shirt.

**Labor Day Wagon Encampment:** See living history interpreters demonstrate crafts and skills, get a taste of pioneer food, listen to some music, and play with pioneer toys and games.

## **Workshops**

**Blacksmithing:** No experience necessary, beginners are encouraged to attend; learn basic blacksmithing skills including how to build and maintain a fire, hammer and anvil use and make a project to take home. Students under 18 are welcome with a paying parent. \$125. Register by calling (541)523-1852.

**Dutch Oven Cooking:** Make your own pioneer dish in a Dutch oven. This class will learn to make chicken lemon soup. \$10, ages 14 and up. Register by calling (541)523-1852

## **Flagstaff Gallery**

### ***Traveling Light: 200 Years of Camping in the West***

**June 26 – September 8**

From covered wagons and canvas tents to motorhomes; camping has developed from a necessary trek across the continent to one of the country’s most popular recreational activities. Explore the evolution of camping, and develop a deeper understanding of how we relate to our natural environment.

### ***High Desert Dreams: The Lost homesteads of the Fort Rock Basin***

**September 19 – November 30**

Rich Bergman’s stunning black and white photographs tell the story of the last great land rush of the American West. Over 1,000 hopeful homesteaders moved into the Fort Rock/Christmas Lake basin in response to the last federal homestead act of 1907. Dry land wheat farming was doomed by the lack of rainfall and within 20 years the populations declined by 91 percent. In the exodus, scores of empty cabins were left behind, and the few that remain tell the story of those homesteader’s dreams.