2009 Field Trip
Planning Information

National Historic
Oregon Trail
Interpretive Center

Baker City, OR
(541) 523-1843  oregontrail.blm.gov
May 4, 12, 20, & 28, 2009
Offered 9:30 to 1:30 on each of these days.

Join us for guided, hands-on activities and demonstrations for visiting students. Stations throughout the Interpretive Center building and grounds will highlight pioneer life skills. Typical activities include: orienteering, nature drawing, animal tracks, quilting, dancing, nature hike, and much more.

You may choose to participate to enhance the educational impact of your class visit.

Although pre-registration is not required, it is encouraged to enable us to provide the best experience for all visiting students. Call 541-523-1843 for more information.
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School Group Information Guide

Center Information: All Interpretive Center Facilities and Gift Shop are fully accessible. The exhibits are self-guided. A self-guided tour can be done in approximately one hour. On arrival we will provide an orientation and briefly explain the interpretive programs and videos that are scheduled for that day.

Special Events and Programs: Please call in advance for information on Special Events and Programs. The Leo Adler Theater holds 140 individuals and is open to all visitors. If your group exceeds this number they may need to be split into smaller groups. When scheduling, discuss this matter with the Visitor Information Assistant.

Location: Five miles east of Baker City, Oregon. From 1-84 take exit 302, State Hwy. 86 to the Interpretive Center entrance.

Summer Hours: April 1 through October 31
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily

Winter Hours: November 1 through March 31
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Entrance Fees: All school groups including teachers, bus drivers and chaperones are free of charge.

Trails: Four and one half (4 ½) miles of outdoor trails lead to Oregon Trail ruts and Panorama Point overlook. Most Trails are fully accessible. The Oregon Trail ruts can also be accessed from Hwy. 86. Oregon Trail maps are available at the information desk.

Special Information: Only identified assistance animals are permitted inside the center. Fire restrictions prohibit smoking on site, except in your enclosed vehicle.

Meals: Vending machines (pop, water, candy, cookies and chips) and an outdoor covered picnic area are available on-site. We also have a small seating area indoors (12 seats), sack lunches are welcome.

Lodging: Lodging is available in Baker City, and nearby communities. For further information please contact: Baker City Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau : (541)-523-3356 1-800-523-1235 www.visitbaker.com

Scheduling: Please call in advance if possible, with the following information:

1. Name of school, address and phone number.
2. Name of group leader, approx. number of chaperones, number of students, & grade level.
3. Date of visit and approximate arrival time.
5. Request for any Special needs

Note: Guided tours depend on staff availability (please inquire when you call).

Contact Information: Bureau of Land Management
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Looking for an interesting way to help your students learn history?

Interpreters from the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon are available to bring lessons to the classroom.

Each year thousands of teachers and their students visit the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center to utilize the educational opportunities present at our site. In an effort to expand our educational programs to the regional community, Center staff & contract interpreters can bring the Oregon Trail experience right to your classroom.

Topics such as westward expansion, Oregon Trail history, local history, mining history, natural history and more can be brought directly to your door! Experienced educators utilize our “Traveling Trunks” with artifacts, replicas, games and activities, which can be personalized to your specific classroom needs and learning objectives. These off-site education programs are particularly aimed at the 4th and 5th graders but can be tailored to accommodate any grade level.

Off-site education and the “Traveling Trunk” presentations depend on staff availability, and are offered to schools or educational events within 90 miles of Baker City, Oregon. Most programs last 30 to 45 minutes, but can be adapted to longer duration, or to specific learning needs. During the spring and summer months the Center can be quite busy, so the earlier our staff is alerted to your needs the more likely we will be able to accommodate your request.

We are continually developing new products and programs to assist educators in teaching the history of the Oregon Trail and westward migration.

If you would like to know about our educational opportunities, or would like to arrange for an Interpreter in the Classroom, please contact us at (541)523-1843 or OR_NHOTIC_Mail@blm.gov

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Special Exhibit!

Pack Your Wagon:
Critters, Costumes, and Curiosity

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I-84, Exit 302
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This is an exhibit for students and younger visitors which can help teachers achieve many curriculum goals.

Guided group activities can be arranged for school visits.

Pack & repack a full-size wagon replica. Map your route to Oregon along a 20-foot magnetic map of the Oregon Trail. Try on pioneer costumes & pose for a photograph. Animal track rubber-stamping activity, wildlife memory game, & piles of animal puppets add to the experience.

For more information or to arrange group visits, please call: (541) 523-1843

Group Visits Welcome

February 23 through
July 5
2009
Education Resource Guides

Two Education Resource Guides are available for download to help with classroom study or group field trips to the Interpretive Center. Download at: http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/education-teachers-packets.php

Contact us if you would like a CD or hard copy mailed to you. Please e-mail us at NHOTIC_mail@blm.gov, telephone 541-523-1845, or contact the Education Coordinator at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, PO Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814.

Oregon Trail Education Resource Guide

The Oregon Trail Education Resource Guide was developed by BLM staff, Trail Tender Volunteers, and Eastern Oregon University. The 158-page Resource Guide is designed for use by teachers and other educators who are teaching Oregon Trail history. Some activities are designed for the classroom while others are specific to the Interpretive Center and would necessitate a field trip to the site. The guide is designed for use by fourth grade teachers who traditionally teach Oregon history, but many activities can be adapted to younger or older students. Copies are available at no charge to educators. Copies may be downloaded, or a hard copy can be mailed upon request. Teachers may make copies of any portion of the guide for classroom use.

Explorers of the Pacific Northwest Education Resource Guide

A 148-page education resource guide on the topic of explorers who blazed the trails to the Pacific Northwest. Includes background history, classroom discussion activities, site-visit activities, worksheets, coloring sheets and references. Developed by BLM staff, Trail Tender volunteers, and Eastern Oregon University. Hard-copy and CD version are available. The Guide can downloaded using the link below.

Please note: Free copies of the video "Towards a Distant Land" are no longer available with the Education Resource Packet. If you would like to purchase a copy of this video, or other Oregon Trail related videos, please contact the Oregon Trail Shop at 541-523-1844.
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