

# *Oregon Trail Institute*

*Baker City, OR*

## Oregon Trail Symposium April 19, 2008

Experience life on the Oregon Trail - a one-day, interactive, hands-on workshop using art, music, dance, and food science to teach history.

For educators, interpreters, volunteers and anyone interested in history of the westward migration.

Sessions held at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Full registration includes workshop sessions, teaching materials, Dutch Oven lunch, and Spring Bounty dinner.



*Space is limited*

*Register*

Before April 1, 2008- \$185

After April 1, 2008- \$200

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*“Tell Me, I’ll forget, Show Me, I’ll remember, Involve Me, I understand!”*

The Oregon Trail Symposium - Teachers Workshop, offered by the Oregon Trail Institute, will be held at the National Historic Interpretive Center in Baker City, OR on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Experienced educators, practicing artists and musicians will lead each session, sharing their techniques for creating and presenting successful – and fun – activities with specific curriculum objectives. All sessions include lesson plans that can be taken home and utilized in the classroom. Furthermore, each session’s curriculum is specifically designed to meet Oregon curriculum guidelines for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade in social sciences and the arts. The workshop is suitable for anyone interested in learning about the Oregon Trail, and how to use pioneer activities to teach others about history and western culture.

The Oregon Trail Institute has combined classroom sessions, social activities and free time to explore Historic Baker City, Oregon. All class sessions will be held at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The Interpretive Center, located on 500 acres of a sagebrush intermountain environment with inspiring views of the Blue and Wallowa Mountains, includes exhibits, theater programs, gift shop, picnic area, hiking trails, gold stamp mill, and an outdoor pioneer wagon encampment. Weather permitting, some of the sessions will take place outdoors, so please wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.

Share a noon time meal of Bison stew and dried fruit cobbler while learning the historic technique of Dutch oven cooking. The participatory Dutch oven noontime demonstration will incorporate history, science, and economics into a delicious lunch. A “Spring Bounty” dinner, included in the workshop price, will be held Saturday night. The dinner, cooked with fresh local ingredients from Oregon, will feature music, dancing, and fun.

### **Oregon Trail Workshop ~ Course Syllabus**

#### **Saturday, April 19**

**8:30 ~ Registration** Meet at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 22267 Hwy 86, for registration, introductions and an overview of the workshop. View the special children’s exhibit with interactive displays on pioneer skills.

**9:00 – 12:00 ~ Storytelling: Bringing History to Life** Presenter: Dylan Pritchett, nationally recognized storyteller, has been telling stories and teaching workshops full time since 1990. Sharing his folk tales with thousands of children and adults throughout the country in more than 200 performances a year. Dylan is inspired by cultural folk tales with a positive message that crosses cultural boundaries. Through story telling, he hopes to encourage and bring joy to people from all walks of life. This workshop is intended to help individuals develop activities centered around researching and creating historical stories in a fun, educational way. Workshop participants will learn storytelling exercises for creative play, understanding character, presentation skills, conveying mood, body language, presentation techniques, literary nuances, and a whole lot more!

**12:00 -1:15 ~ Pioneer Cooking ~ Wagon Encampment** NHOTIC staff will demonstrate a simple pioneer cooking reenactment that can be replicated in a school yard or day camp setting. Using the art of dutch oven cooking, this activity will incorporate history, science, and economic lessons with a tasty hot lunch of bison stew and dried fruit cobbler.

**1:30-4:00 ~ Shape Notes** Presenter: Pat Nida holds a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction of Education from the University of Washington with a special emphasis on Language Arts and Social Studies. She has taught methods classes at the university level and worked for Northwest Regional Education Laboratory doing workshops around the Northwest on ways to teach standards-based lessons with highly engaging activities. In addition to her academic achievements, Pat is a Shape Note Singer. Shape Note Singing is the oldest form of written American Music and Pat teaches methods to sing this music with children, as it is a wonderful way to get "non-singers" to participate in singing and music. Pat is from Lake Oswego, Oregon. Teaching actual songs from Oregon Trail era, this music inspired session is designed to research, teach, and present pioneer music. Learn the art of Shape Note singing and how to teach this historic style of music to students.

**5:00-6:30 ~ Oregon Spring Bounty** Join the group for an evening of food, music, and fun. A local caterer will provide an exceptional meal made from Oregon’s finest ingredients. Guests are welcome for an additional \$25.00 per person.

**6:30-7:00 ~ Dancing activity** Learn two pioneer era dances that can easily be taught to elementary age students with no previous dance experience. Music will be played by a local group and instructions and copies of music will be provided so the dances can be re-taught in the classroom. The Dancing activity will be followed by dessert, coffee, drawing for a door prize, and social time until 8:00 pm.