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Classic films & school choirs

Holiday events coming to Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

BAKER CITY, Oregon – Looking for something to do over the holidays? The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be hosting the 7th annual Wagons Ho! Film Festival on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24. Bring the kids to the Center where you will be able to compare and contrast Hollywood's version of history with history as exhibited in the Center. "The Covered Wagon", a 1923 silent black and white film, begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the 1951 classic "Westward the Women" at 12:30 p.m. "The Oregon Trail," a 1939 serial starring Johnny Mack Brown, begins at 2:45 p.m. The following day, Saturday, November 25, the Interpretive Center will present the living history program "Arze Bolder, Backtracker," at 11 a.m.

On December 1, the Trail Tenders and Center Staff invite you to attend a Holiday Open House from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Victorian decorations, snacks, door prizes, cake walks, Father Christmas, and readings of "T'was The Night Before Christmas" will be featured. The North Baker Elementary School Choir will perform in the Leo Adler Theater at 6 p.m. followed by the Baker Middle School Choir at 7 p.m. The Baker High School Bell Canto Choir will be caroling throughout the Center from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. December 1 is a free fee day.

Both the Wagons Ho! Film Festival and the Holiday Open House provide excellent opportunities for the whole family to get into the holiday spirit, spend time with friends and neighbors, and perhaps learn a little about life in the olden days. And what better way to embrace the season than by listening to local school choirs.

The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information call (541) 523-1843 or visit oregontrail.blm.gov. The Interpretive Center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management and is a federal fee site. Adult admission is \$5. Kids 15 and under and school groups are always free. Federal passports are accepted.

