

# NEWS Release

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

100 Oregon Street • Vale, Oregon 97918 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/vale>

Vale District Office

BLM

News Release  
For Immediate Release

OR-038-2009-10  
February 11, 2009

News Contact: Sarah LeCompte (541)523-1843

## **Special Exhibit for Children at National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**

Baker City, Oregon: Kid sized exhibits and interactive displays help youngsters learn the Oregon Trail story in the special exhibit “Pack Your Wagon: Critters, Costumes & Curiosity”. The exhibit runs February 23 through July 12 in the Flagstaff Gallery at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

The exhibit is designed for younger visitors and school students but is suitable for all ages. Interactive elements include a giant magnetic map of the Oregon Trail, a puppet theater, a wildlife memory game, a poetry board, and an animal track rubber stamping activity. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a full scale “Pack Your Wagon” display where visitors practice the decision-making skills Oregon Trail pioneers needed to plan their long journey to the west. All activities are designed to enhance curriculum goals of school history classes but incorporate a fun, interactive approach to learning about frontier history and nature. Some of the activities are suitable for preschoolers.

The exhibit was funded through a grant from Oregon Community Foundation, matched with donations from Trail Tenders and Bureau of Land Management. Staff interpreters can help educators or group tours customize their visit to the exhibit with a guided activity. To book a special group tour of the exhibit please call the Interpretive Center at least 48 hours ahead of your visit. Parents and teachers might also want to inquire about the “Jr. Pioneer” activity book in which youngsters can earn an award by completing a series of activities throughout the Interpretive Center.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For more information call (541) 523-1843 or visit the web at [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov). The Interpretive Center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management and is a federal fee site. Admission for adults is \$5 and seniors are \$3.50. Free fee days are offered monthly. Federal passes are accepted.

-BLM-

