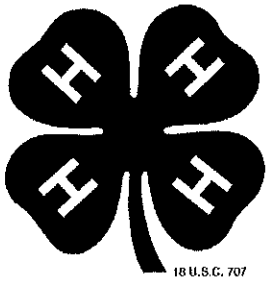


# WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H WAGON TRAIN



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**Cost: \$225.00 per Participant + 4-H Fees, \$35.00 Per animal, includes T-shirt. \$25.00 for Tune Up only. There is a \$25.00 late fee assessed for payment not received by the cut-off date of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. No refunds after May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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The 4-H Wagon Train is a 8 day event planned for July 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of 2018. This year we are headed for the Ochoco National Forest area near a section of the **Paulina-Dayville Wagon Road or Apple Trail** located in Central Oregon. In years past we have numbered between 65 and 125 participants. In camp we are divided into wagon families with whom we do chores, compete in games, and camp together. On the trail we are grouped according to our method of transportation; wagons, hikers, riders, or support. We travel Saturday through Monday on the trail. Each night we set up camp, have dinner then "family circle" in which awards are given, make announcements, sing songs, and tell stories. Early in the morning we break camp and head out on the trail towards the next campsite. Tuesday is layover day, where we take a break, play games, wash and shower, do crafts, and have presentations. Layover day is also a great day to invite friends and family to join us. Then Wednesday through Friday we are back out on the trail wrapping up the Trek, cleaning up and heading home.

The **Washington County 4-H Wagon Train** has been going for over 37 years and has touched many lives including, young, old, multi-generational and families. Because we are a 4-H program within Washington County, which is administered through the **OSU Extension Service**, each participant (pioneer) registers as either a youth member or an adult leader. We follow the 4-H guidelines for how we work, learn, play, and conduct ourselves at the General Meetings during the year, all public functions, the Tune-Up Trek in June, and the Wagon Train Trek in July or any other time acting as a representative of 4-H Wagon Train.

Attendance at an **Orientation Meeting** is required to prepare everyone for the Trek, except for long distance participants who can arrange for alternative preparation via a sponsor. Information regarding the trail, pre-Trek prep activities, volunteer opportunities, and health and safety issues are provided. It also serves to help you get to know the other pioneers. This meeting is necessary to ensure the July Trek is a positive and safe experience for all of us as well as fulfill the requirements of the hosting agencies permit process.

The **4-H Wagon Train** is made up of volunteer adult leaders and 4-H youth member some of which make up the Senior Leadership and Junior Leadership teams. These people head up committees/teams that plan, lead, and make decisions during the year to prepare for the Trek. Each adult Senior Leader has a "Junior" who works with and assists the adult with their position during the year and most importantly during the Trek. Each year we have a "Junior Day" where the kids lead all of the activities and make all decisions that day. We are open to all kids and adults eligible through 4-H enrollment.

We welcome hikers, equestrians, support personnel, and of course wagons staffed by their teamsters and swampers. We provide all food and water; meals are cooked by a Camp Cook and the Junior Cook. Hot dinner and hot breakfast are provided in camp with cold lunches packed by your family on their assigned wagon. We provide Certified Noxious Weed Free hay for equines and rolling restrooms “biffies” at camp. You bring yourself, your personal gear (packing list provided), your equine or a great pair of hiking boots. Most importantly a good attitude with a willingness to learn and eagerness to work together to share a unique and amazing experience in the wilderness.

This is a working wagon train and you are expected to prepare yourself and/or your equine physically for the 7-12 mile per day hikes. Hot breakfast and dinner are provided but you will be asked to help serve, clean up, and prepare the trail lunches as families as part of your role as a pioneer. Pioneer attire is encouraged during the Trek, especially on “layover day”. While the Trek is a fun and learning experience, long, days with potential weather extremes can be expected. There are times when chores need to be done, things break and have to be fixed, and trails must be cleared. However just like on every other wagon train that ever reached its destination, successful cooperation and problem solving pulled them along; 4-H Wagon Train is no different. Your attendance at the general meetings provides opportunities to gain skills to help with problem solving, personal growth, and team work.

The Tune Up Trek, held on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> is a “trial run” for what is to come during the week in July. Tune Up Trek is open to anyone whether they plan to go on the weeklong trek or not, but it is required by all those planning on going on the full Trek in July, unless prior arrangements are made with a sponsor. Others may want to attend to get a feel for the Wagon Train only with plans to attend the weeklong trek in the future. But mainly Tune Up provides preparation for the 8-day Trek in July. It gives you a chance to check out your gear, familiarize yourself around animals and wagons, and get to know your “wagon family”.

**Wagon Master** – leads the group throughout the year and on the trek

**Camp Boss** – leads the group in camp

**Ramrod** – rides drag and is back up for the Wagon Master

**Head Teamster** – oversees the group of wagons

**Swamper** – rides on the wagon, assists the teamster

**Wrangler** – leads the equestrian group

**Scout** – rides point, organizes trails and permit in advance

**Cook** – oversees food, kitchen, and cooking

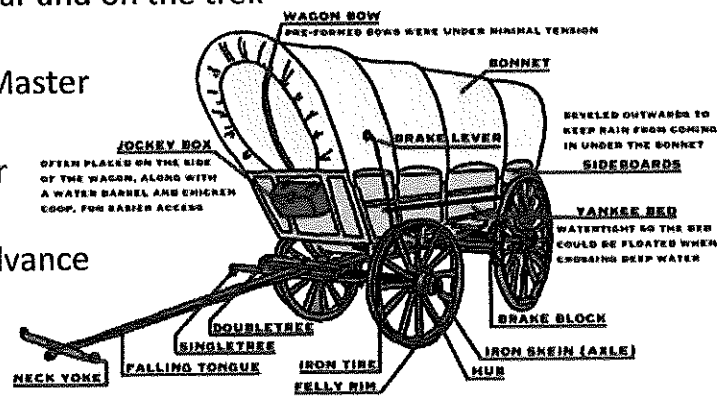
**Lead Support** – oversees all logistics of support

**Lead Walker** – leads the hikers/walkers on the trail

**Spirit** – leads group spirit, organizes activities

**Medic** – provides emergency care and training

**Lead Family Head** – oversees family groups, organizes chore rotation



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