

'Nimiipuu Experience' coming to Baker City

Programs slated for Aug. 21-22, Aug. 28-29



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BAKER CITY — Nez Perce Tourism just got started when the pandemic hit, and this year is ramping back up with history-laden jet boat tours and

white water rafting trips from its headquarters in Lewiston, Idaho.

And now the organization is bringing its program to Baker City's National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

"Nimiipuu Experience" can be

seen during two weekends: Aug. 21-22 and Aug. 28-29.

The program is interactive with singing, drumming and dancing, said Stacia Morfin, CEO of Nez Perce Tourism.

"It's heavily history and entertainment," she said.

Each of the four days will include three performances on the center's porch. Times are 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

They will move to Baker City on two Saturdays — Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 — for an additional presentation at 5 p.m. in Geiser-Pollman Park.

Admission is free to all performances.

Nimiipuu, which means "The People," is the tribe's preferred name, Morfin said. The ancestral homelands include portions of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming.

"'Nez Perce' was the name given to us by French fur traders," Morfin said.

She said all people involved in the organization are "enrolled or descendants of Nimiipuu nation."

Nez Perce Tourism offers "the only tours created to connect you to Nimiipuu culture through interactive storytelling, song, drum, and dance," the organization's website states.

"Our guides are so knowledgeable," Morfin said. "This is their way of life."

To learn more, visit the website, www.nezpercetraditions.com.

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Baker City
Free

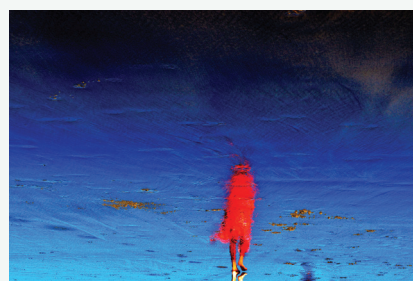


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