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# **Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation**

## **Annual Meeting and Education Sessions**

**Yellowstone National Park and Cody, Wyoming**

**September 11-17, 2000**

The **Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation** will conduct their *Annual Meeting and Education Sessions* in Cody, Wyoming at the Irma Hotel and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center on Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, September 13. On Thursday, September 14 we will conduct a bus or auto tour along the Nez Perce Trail at Sunlight Basin, Dead Indian Hill and Clark's Fork Canyon. We will stop for historical presentations and guided walks on the Trail. The scheduled hikes will be from easy to moderate.

The NPNHT Foundation is also setting up optional tours and talks before and after the Symposium along the Nez Perce Trail at Yellowstone National Park and the Canyon Creek Battle site near Laurel, Montana.

The exit from the Absaroka Mountains to the Clarks Fork Valley is still a marvel and a mystery. There are several theories as to the exact route, which we will discuss at the meeting in Cody. The Nez Perce camped on August 23, 1877 in Yellowstone near what is now Madison Junction and the Firehole River. On August 27, the bands were near Indian Pond, near the Fishing Bridge junction. From September 1-11 the bands of the Nez Perce and Howard were in the Absaroka Mountains in the vicinity of Dead Indian Camp and the exit from the mountains. You will have the opportunity to visit these places on nearly the same dates. For more information, turn to page 3. **REGISTER FOR THE MEETING NOW!!!**

### **Calendar of Events in Nez Perce Country:**

August 2000

**6 \*Big Hole Battlefield Memorial, Big Hole, Montana**

**18-20 Chief Lookingglass Celebration and Pow Wow, Wa=ayas gym, Kamiah, Idaho.**

September 2000

**11-17 Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation - Annual Meeting and Education Sessions,**  
Cody, Wyoming

17 **\*Canyon Creek Battle Memorial,** Laurel, Montana

21-24 **15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Trails Symposium, A Trails and the American Spirit - 2000 and Beyond@,** Redding, California. For more information, call (520) 632-1140 or visit [www.AmericanTrails.org](http://www.AmericanTrails.org).

October 2000

6 **\*Bears Paw Battle Memorial,** Chinook, Montana

7 **\*Memorial In Canada,** Brockett, Canada

*\*These Memorials are planned for the dates indicated. All dates fall on weekends and offer the best opportunities for travel that should minimize any hardship on work schedules. Any questions, comments or suggestions, please call Wilfred Scott (Scotty) at the Nez Perce Tribe at (208) 843-2253.*

=Iskítpe is a Nez Perce word that translates to Aon the trail, path or road@. This newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and serves the members of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation.

**Submissions:** All readers are encouraged to submit material, stories, photos, and ideas that relate to the Nez Perce Trail for publication consideration. All submissions are subject to editing for grammar, clarity, length, and the editor reserves the right to reject any submission. Submissions may be made via E-mail, on a 3.5" diskette, or on paper. Submissions must be made by the following dates:

*Spring: March 20; Summer: June 20; Fall: September 20; Winter: December 20*

**Subscriptions:** Subscriptions are free to members of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation. One-year subscription for non-members is \$10 to cover the costs of printing and postage. For more information, call Brian McCormack at (208) 798-3249, or E-mail at [Weetes@aol.com](mailto:Weetes@aol.com).

## **Summer Hours and Program Schedule at Nez Perce National Historical Park Announced**

The Spalding Site Visitor Center and Museum of Nez Perce National Historical Park announced summer hours and a programming schedule today. The visitor center is open from 8:00 a.m. B 5:30 p.m. seven days a week and features a museum of Nez Perce culture and history, movie, bookstore, self-guided walking tour, picnic area and ranger-led tours. Admission is free. From Memorial Day to Labor Day park rangers and volunteers provide special walks and talks including tipi pitching demonstrations and museum tours at 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, and 2:00 p.m. The visitor center is located 10 miles east of Lewiston, Idaho on U.S. Highway 95. To schedule special group tours or for a 2000 Activity Schedule call the park at 208-843-2261.

The **Heart of the Monster** site will be featured every **Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** (now until Labor Day) with a ranger-led talk on a variety of topics including the Coyote and Monster story. This site is located 2 miles south of **Kamiah, Idaho** on U.S. 12. The site is open daily from sunrise to sunset and features an interpretive shelter, a short paved trail, and audio stations that explain the significance of this site in Nez Perce culture.

The **Hasatino Village** Site is adjacent to **Hell=s Gate State Park** where evening programs will be offered at the State Park=s amphitheater **Friday nights at 8:00 p.m.** National Park rangers will present a variety of topics on Nez Perce culture and history. Hell=s Gate State Park is located along the Snake River just south of Lewiston, Idaho.

**St. Joseph=s Mission** (also called Slickpoo Mission) is owned by a non-profit Historical Society and operated in partnership with Nez Perce National Historical Park. Open from **June 22 B August 21 from noon-4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday)** when tours of the historic church and grounds are available. Located 10 miles south of Spalding off of U. S. Highway 95 at **Jacques Spur**.

**White Bird Battlefield** is the site of the first battle of the Nez Perce War of 1877 and is located 12 miles south of **Grangeville, Idaho**. An interpretive shelter on U.S. Highway 95 overlooks the battlefield and features exhibits that explain the battle. A self-guided walking tour of the battlefield begins 1.2 miles north of the town of Whitebird.

**Canoe Camp** in the town of **Orofino, Idaho** is where the Lewis and Clark Expedition rested and built canoes for the final leg of their trip to the Pacific. A short trail and exhibits tell this story as well as that of the Nez Perce people who called the area home for thousands of years.

## **Nez Perce War of 1877 Memorials**

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Nez Perce and many of their friends gathered at the White Bird Battlefield to remember the battle that began the War of 1877. It was a war that the Nez Perce didn=t want.

This year marked the 123<sup>rd</sup> year since the Battle of White Bird and the beginning of the now famous Nez Perce flight for freedom.

This year there were 16 riders who participated in the Empty Saddle Ceremony: Allen Pinkham, Sr., Marcus Oatman, Sr., Levi Holt, Carl Ray Powauke, Kellen Lewis, Jody Conner, Rudy Carter, Ted George, Joe Lewis, Donna Henry, Angel McFarland, Rosa Yearout, Loretta Sobotta, Delco White and Jake Whiteplume.

### ***Niimiipuutímt* (Nez Perce Language):**

*pik=unma=ayq=áal* season when Chinook salmon go down river, trout go into deeper holes, and steelheads come upriver, corresponding roughly to the month of September

*qém=es* camas

*q=oyc=áal* blueback season, corresponding roughly to July

*túuk=es* digging stick used in digging camas and other roots

*tustimasáat=al* season of early summer, corresponding roughly to June

*waw=amayq=áal* season when salmon swim to the heads of creeks, corresponding roughly to the month of August

## **NPNHT Foundation Annual Meeting and Education Sessions - Tentative Agenda**

Following is a tentative agenda for the 2000 Annual Meeting and Education Sessions, September 11 - 17, 2000. We are including the optional tours before and after our meeting for your information.

### **Monday, Sept. 11, 8:00 AM, W. Yellowstone, Montana Auto Tour of Yellowstone National Park (Optional)**

Auto tour of the Nee-Me-Poo Trail in Yellowstone National Park, with Aon your own@ picnic lunch stop featuring a talk by Nez Perce and National Park Service speakers. Planned interpretive stops at Geyser Basin, Mary Mountain Trail, Buffalo Ford crossing site on the Yellowstone River, Indian Pond camp area, Otter Creek and more. Meet at 8:00 AM in the café at the Holiday Inn Sunspree (W. Yellowstone Conference Center), 315 Yellowstone Ave., W. Yellowstone, Montana. The tour will proceed on to Cody, Wyoming by late afternoon. *Meals, lodging or camping on*

*your own.*

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 8:30 AM, Irma Hotel, Cody, Wyoming *Education Sessions***

Indoor meetings and talks with Yellowstone National Park historians, Nez Perce speakers, NPS Historian Jerome Greene, author of Nez Perce Summer (being published by the Montana Historical Society) and Martin Stadius, author of Dreamers. These meetings will focus on the Nee-Me-Poo trail and events of 1877 through Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka Mountains. We will visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and Museum (admission is included in meeting registration). *Meals and lodging on your own.*

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, 8:00 AM, Irma Hotel, Cody, Wyoming *Education Sessions/Annual Meeting***

Indoor meetings and talks with Stan Hoggatt (Western Treasures) presenting his research on the trail from Pelican Valley through Clarks Fork Canyon. Nick Hudson, Martin Stadius and others will discuss their research on this interesting section of the trail. An interagency panel will discuss current projects and plans along the entire trail, including an update on planning for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. We will conclude with the NPNHT Foundation Annual Business Meeting and election of officers. *Meals and lodging on your own.*

**Thursday, Sept. 14, 8:30 AM, Cody, Wyoming *Guided Bus/Auto Tour, Chief Joseph Highway***

We will have a guided bus or auto tour along the Chief Joseph Highway (Wyoming 292, 120, 310), north of Cody into the Absaroka Mountains. We will stop and see the upper Clarks Fork Region, Crandall Creek, Sunlight Basin, Dead Indian Hill, and views to Bald Mountain Ridge, Heart Mountain, the Stinking Water (Shoshone) River, and the plains beyond. We will picnic along the way (bring your own picnic), with opportunities for short guided hikes. This is a full day field trip, departing Cody from the Buffalo Bill Historical Center parking lot at 8:30 AM. *Meals and lodging on your own.*

**Friday, Sept. 15, 9:00 AM, Cody, Wyoming *Guided Auto Tour (Optional)***

We will caravan by autos north following the trail from Cody through Belfry, Bridger, and on to Laurel and Canyon Creek, Montana, with several interpretive stops along the way. Meet at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center parking lot at 9:00 AM. *Meals and lodging in Laurel, Montana on your own.*

**Saturday, Sept. 16, 9:00 AM, Canyon Creek, Montana *Guided Auto and Hiking Tours (Optional)***

A guided tour to the Canyon Creek Battlesite will be conducted, following the route through the canyon, and exploring the rocky bluffs. Meet at the Canyon Creek interpretive sign in Canyon Creek at 9:00 AM. *Meals and lodging on your own.*

**Sunday, September 17, 10:00 AM *Canyon Creek Battle Memorial (Optional)***

The Nez Perce Tribal Veterans will conduct a memorial ceremony at the battle site. Canyon Creek Commemorative events and Tribal Veterans' Ceremony are open to the public, honoring all Veterans.

**Lodging:** Tourist season will still be in full swing in Cody, Wyoming in September and rooms are very limited, and will be SOLD OUT. Members are urged to make reservations for rooms, bunks, campsites and RV spaces as soon as possible. Several private, U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service campgrounds are along the way. Also, Yellowstone National Park is about 80 miles west of Cody. In Cody, we have reserved rooms at the following hotels:

~ **The Irma Hotel**, 1192 Sheridan, Cody, WY 82414. Ph: (307) 587-4221. \$59 single, \$66 double, \$89 deluxe.

~ **Best Western Sunrise Motor Inn**, 1407 8th St., Cody, WY 82414. Ph: (307) 587-5566. \$79 two beds.

For additional hotel/motel listings:

Montana: (406) 251-INET or [www.travelmt.com](http://www.travelmt.com)

Cody, Wyoming: (307) 587-2777 or [www.codychamber.org](http://www.codychamber.org)

**Dress:** The weather in Cody, Yellowstone National Park and Laurel is unpredictable in September, possibly very warm to cool, so come prepared!

**Websites:** Updated information about the *2000 Annual Meeting and Education Sessions* can be found at two website addresses for the NPNHT Foundation: [www.nezperce.com](http://www.nezperce.com) and/or [www.spiritwindsstudio.com/nezperctrail](http://www.spiritwindsstudio.com/nezperctrail)

**Additional Information:** Remember to bring camp chairs, mosquito repellent, a cooler full of food, and good stories to share. Please respect our gracious hosts by practicing AResponsible and Healthy Behavior@.

**Questions:** Contact the NPNHT Foundation Officers:

*Nick Hudson*, (435) 655-3210, [nhnezperctrail@aol.com](mailto:nhnezperctrail@aol.com)

*Brian McCormack*, (208) 798-3249, [weetes@aol.com](mailto:weetes@aol.com)

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*Lewiston, Idaho 83501*

**While you=re in the area:** We recommend visiting these other area attractions for those with a little more time:

~ *Big Hole National Battlefield*, Wisdom, MT, (406) 689-3155.

~ *Buffalo Bill Historical Center*, (307) 587-4771.

~ *Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Center*, Great Falls, MT, (406) 727-8733.

~ *Montana Historical Society Museum*, Helena, MT, (406) 444-2694.

~ *Museum of the Upper Missouri*, Ft. Benton, MT, (406) 622-5316, which has Chief Joseph=s rifle which was surrendered at Bear Paw.

~ *Yellowstone National Park*, (307) 344-7381.

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# Nez Perce National Historic Trail Foundation - 2000 Annual Meeting and Education Sessions

## Registration (please print clearly):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname or Title for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fee Schedule\* (check appropriate boxes):

- NPNHT Foundation Member Full Registration: \$75.00
- Non-Member Full Registration: \$95.00

*Includes 1-year Membership to the NPNHT*

### *Foundation*

- One-Day Only Member Rate: \$35.00
- One-Day Only Non-Member Rate: \$55.00
- Add=1 Person in Immediate Family: \$60.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sorry, I will not be able to attend, but here is my

Contribution to the NPNHT Foundation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees:** Full registration includes access to all meetings and discussion groups, bus transportation (if scheduled), admission to the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, morning coffee and pastry, and conference materials.

**Refund and Cancellation Policy:** Requests for refunds, minus \$15.00 processing fee, must be received in writing by August 31, 2000. Due to transportation and meeting room commitments, no refunds will be available after that time.

\*Note: There will be a limited amount of scholarships available to those in need of financial assistance. Please call Brian at (208) 798-3249 or Nick at (435) 655-3210 for additional information.

***Fill out Form and Mail with your payment to:***

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