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Re-live Oregon Trail — sort of

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The historic trek of western discovery from Independence, Missouri to Oregon's Willamette Valley will be re-created Saturday at The Oregon Trail Live II, a hands-on, live-action recreation of the classic video game of the same name that was popular in the 1980s. The event got its start last year, when a group of community members decided a live-action version needed to happen, and Salem was just the place for it.

But the ultimate question is, what should one take when traveling (or at least pretending to travel) 1,850 miles?

If you are registered already, bring the stuff in the team packet (found at <http://www.oregontraillive.com/> alt="" title="" target="_blank">oregontraillive.com). If you are waiting to register, stop waiting, and register now, then remember to bring the stuff in the team packet. If you still are not sure and just might show up on Saturday, registration will be dependent on space available. You also will be at a disadvantage without items from the team packet.

"We are going to do it rain or shine," said Kathleen Schulte, education coordinator for Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill. "You need to be prepared."

This means there could be a chance of rain, so dress appropriately. Last year, costumes ranged from traditional pioneers to "Robo Reenactors," dressed as robots from the future.

"You might want to bring your own wagon, but if you don't, you can make one here," Schulte said.

Bringing small trinkets to bribe officials are not necessary but definitely recommended.

"If you encounter a sheriff and they decide they are going to take you in, you can offer to bribe the sheriff," Schulte said. "The homestead examiner might also be bribeable."

Note: Rumor has it that the homestead examiner is Statesman Journal Executive Editor Michael Davis.

Schulte's final recommendation: "Bring your sense of humor."

Additional Facts

Oregon Trail Live II

When: Teams register and sign-in at noon with competition beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday

Where: Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill, 1313 Mill St. SE

Cost: \$30 for a team of four or \$50 day-of if spots are available. Admission for spectators is \$5, \$3 for ages 12 and younger and free for babies and toddlers

Tickets: brownpapertickets.com/event/437000

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