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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Memorial Day Weekend Children's Activities




On Saturday, May 29th living history interpreters at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will assist children in doing authentic ranch chores such as gathering eggs, feeding the chickens, milking the goats, currying the horse, and cleaning the barn stalls from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. After completing each chore, children will collect a sticker token and then earn a Spring Hill Ranch certificate. Throughout the weekend, visit with living history characters as they go about their daily activities.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is one- room school day. From 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. join the schoolmarm and participate in penmanship lessons, spelling, and reading from the McGuffey Readers at the one-room Lower Fox Creek School. The schoolhouse is located north of the historic ranch headquarters on the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway (K- 177). The school will be open to the public and staffed by National Park Service volunteers from 12 noon until 4 p.m. each day Saturday through Memorial Day Monday.

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is kid's fossil day. From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. join Bob Sawin and Rex Buchanan from the Kansas Geological Survey for an hour tour on the Southwind Nature Trail, while learning about fossils and geological formations in the Flint Hills. Please call ahead for reservations at 620- 273- 8494; there is no charge for the tour or any activities at the preserve.

A 6.4- mile bus tour of the preserve's backcountry is available daily at 11 a.m. with more available as staffing allows from April 24 through October 31, 2010. There is no charge for the tours. Advance reservations for the bus tours are recommended, but arrangements can be made on the day of the visit if space is available. A minimum of two passengers is required per bus tour. For more information, please call the park rangers' offices at (620) 273- 8494.

Guided tours of the historic 1881 limestone ranch house are conducted hourly on the half- hour starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), email [tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:tapr_interpretation@nps.gov), or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494. Superintendent Wendy Lauritzen can be reached at the Cottonwood Falls office headquarters at 620- 273- 6034.

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