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Second Annual Marvin Schwilling Memorial Butterfly Count at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Please join us on Saturday, June 26, 2010, for a day of fun counting butterflies in the Flint Hills. The census- - named in honor of Marvin Schwilling, a prominent biologist/naturalist who was born and raised in Chase County- - will take place on and near Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Introductions and orientation to butterfly identification will begin at 9 a.m. at the Preserve's historic stone barn. Following, participants will head out to the prairie to ID and count butterflies. No prior experience in identifying butterflies is necessary. Please bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and bug spray. A digital camera will also come in handy. Suggested attire includes hiking boots, hat, and long pants. Group counts will run from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) and again from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a small lunch break between sessions to compare notes, share adventures, and switch groups and locations (it is bring- your- own lunch). Transportation to counting locations will be by car- pooling in private vehicles.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. The 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, email 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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