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Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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Special Holiday Event at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve announced today that the historic ranch house and headquarters area will be decorated for the holidays with cedar, natural berries, pods, and buck brush representing an 1880s historic holiday setting from November 28 – December 31, 2009.

On November 28th from noon to 4 p.m. experience the Spring Hill Ranch at the height of the holiday season. Let your senses indulge in the aroma of cedar, orange peel, and cinnamon sticks while strolling through the lively ranch house filled with period costumed characters enjoying a holiday party and playing historic music. Visitors will see people dressed in historic costume and enjoying the afternoon as they decorate the tree and read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Light refreshments will be served. All preserve activities are free and open to the public.

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, 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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