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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Marvin Schwilling Memorial Butterfly Count at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve**



You are invited to join in a fun day of citizen science field research by counting butterflies in the Flint Hills on Saturday, June 27, 2015. The butterfly survey is named in honor of prominent biologist/naturalist Marvin Schwilling, who was born and raised in Chase County. The butterfly census will take place on and near the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

**No prior experience in identifying butterflies is necessary.** To participate, please RSVP to 620-273-8494 (then hit 0) or email [kansas@nps.gov](mailto:kansas@nps.gov). If you require accessibility assistance, please let us know when you RSVP.

Participants are to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the preserve's historic stone barn located on KS Hwy 177 at the main entrance to the preserve, north of the visitor center. At which time, a brief orientation and group coordination will occur. Counts will be conducted in groups that can be either whole or half day. Group

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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. A **“bring your own lunch”** break will occur from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to compare notes, share adventures, and switch groups and locations. Transportation to counting locations will be by car-pooling in private vehicles, which will be no farther than seven miles one way from the stone barn.

If you have them, please bring binoculars, digital camera, butterfly identification book (s), sunscreen, and insect spray. Suggested attire includes hiking boots, hat, and long pants.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve invites you to discover the meaning of national parks, how your park inspires you - both in personal connections and memorable experiences. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a unique public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. For more information, visit the preserve’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie> , 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. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy’s website at [www.nature.org/Kansas](http://www.nature.org/Kansas) or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas> .

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