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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Wagon Rides and Children's Farm and Ranch Day at the Preserve



On Saturday May 24, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., children will have the opportunity to experience life on a working ranch. 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, grinding corn, and currying the horse. After completing each chore, children will

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collect sticker tokens, earning an overall Spring Hill Ranch certificate. From 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. visitors can experience the prairie grasses and wide open spaces with a horse-drawn wagon ride, while learning about modes of transportation in the 1880s. Wagon rides are given approximately every 20 minutes. All activities are free of charge.

On Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26 attend a 40-minute guided tour of the historic ranch. Tour times are at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days and begin at the visitor center.

To complete the holiday weekend, visit the one-room Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. all three days and learn about a prairie education. The school is furnished with historic desks, McGuffey Readers, a recitation bench, and other classroom items. Preserve volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide information about the school's rich history.

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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