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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Prairie Harvest Festival at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



STRONG CITY, Kansas: Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is pleased to announce the upcoming annual Prairie Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Enjoy an old-fashioned time of gathering together as living history characters harvest the fruits of nature in preparation for winter. The original owner of the Spring Hill Ranch planted an orchard to the east of the house with apples, peaches, cherries, and pears. Living history characters will talk of the work to be done in preparation for the winter. Activities include cider making, wagon rides, wool spinning, and live music from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kids can have fun carving pumpkins from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with pumpkins being provided. Kids may also try their hand at some roping skills, taught by the local cowboy.

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

Historic ranch stove cooking will be demonstrated from 10 a.m. to noon. All activities are free of charge. Come join the fun and experience some good old-fashioned hard work!

<b>Schedule of Events</b>	
Kids pumpkin carving	10 a.m. – 12 noon
Historic stove cooking	10 a.m. - 12 noon
Wagon rides	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cowboy Roping Demonstrations	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cider making	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Historic music, wool spinning	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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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