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People of the Prairie Presentation at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



Come to Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Visitor Center on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and learn about Osage culture through historic artifacts, clothing, story, and song. Wichita State University Ethnic Studies instructor Jerry Shaw, and son John Shaw, present the program *People of the Prairie*. Beaded historic clothing of shawls, blankets, vests, moccasins, belts, and leggings and artifacts dating from the 1860s will be explained during the program. Beautiful weaving and ribbon

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work will also be displayed.

John will explain the distinctions in cultural songs and dispel some myths brought about by Hollywood and the movies. He will demonstrate the subtle differences in these songs and sounds and teach about unique songs marking occasions such as weddings, coming of age, and special accomplishments to name a few. Come to the preserve and learn about native culture through a lifetime of oral traditions handed from one generation to the next.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve's 20 Anniversary, the 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, please visit www.everykidinapark.gov, and follow the program on Twitter @everykidinapark, on [Facebook](#), on [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#). For additional information on Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, please visit www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, call the preserve at (620) 273-8494, or visit the preserve's facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie>. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at www.nature.org/Kansas or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas>.

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