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Good Old-Fashioned Fun on the Fifth at the Preserve



On Saturday July 5th, enjoy a fun-filled day of education, ranch headquarters tours, pastel art demonstrations, wool spinning, music, and historic children's games. The day begins at 9 a.m. at the Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse with children's activities of penmanship lessons, reading the McGuffey's reader, and practicing the daily Memory Gem. Clothing appropriate for getting dirty should be worn. Children take home their very own copy book as a souvenir of the day.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. watch on-going Flint Hills prairie art, demonstrating chalk on sandpaper, located in the breezeway of the Visitor Center. Historic characters from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. play live music and spin "yarns" and wool as they talk about their plans for the holiday near the ranch house. Ranch headquarters tours will be given at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., lasting 40 minutes each and a special 30-minute harmonica program will be given at 12 noon in the Visitor Center breezeway.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

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

Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. To finish out the festivities, visitors are highly encouraged to join the fun historic children’s games including potato sack race, foot races, hoop and stick, tug-of-war, egg and spoon race, and a good old-fashioned egg-toss contest. Cold water and lemonade will be provided throughout the games.

Here is a schedule of activities that will engage your family for July 5, 2014.

Time	Activity	Meeting Location
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Learn historic Spencerian penmanship using ink and pens – Kids take home their own copybook.	Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Prairie Pastel Artwork – On-going demonstrations	Visitor Center
11 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Ranch headquarters tour	Visitor Center
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Historic music and wool spinning demonstrations	Near the ranch house
12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Harmonica program	Visitor Center
1 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	Ranch headquarters tour	Visitor Center
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Historic games	Near the ranch house

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, email 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 or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas> .

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