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Good Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Preserve



On November 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with Chase County Country Christmas experience the Spring Hill Ranch at the height of the holiday season with a good old-fashioned Christmas party in the house. Watch women making cookies and preparing for the upcoming holiday as the good smells of cedar and cinnamon fill the air. Sing along to holiday music being played in the parlor. As a take home item, kids can have fun making snowflakes and Christmas tree ornaments using glitter and white sand. Enjoy popcorn and hot cocoa as you join in the festivities.

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Kid's fun continues in the barn as Santa's cowboy helper recounts stumbling across Santa Claus as he was out fixing fence on the prairie. Storytelling will be at 12:15 pm, 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm, and 3:15 p.m. with candy canes handed out to the children.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy a wagon ride. Historic characters will make the day fun with roping demonstrations and games. All preserve activities are free and open to the public.

The Visitor Center, Spring Hill Ranch buildings, and Lower Fox Creek School will be decorated for the holidays from November 28th through December 31st. At the one-room school, local Chase County Elementary students created artwork of snowflakes, paper chains, stars, pictures, and letters to Santa using historically appropriate materials. The student's handiwork will be hanging from the Christmas tree and all around the school room representing an 1880s classroom.

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.

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