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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Good Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Preserve



On Saturday, December 19th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. 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 and listen to the cowboys talk about seeing Santa Claus out in the prairie as they repaired fence. 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.

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. All activities are free and open to the public.

The Visitor Center, historic buildings, and Lower Fox Creek School are decorated for the holidays through December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 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](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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