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Special Birds of Prey Program and Children's Workshop



On May 14th a special children's workshop, *Poets of the Air*, will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Children will have fun learning about flight dynamics through hands- on activities of making paper airplanes to explore winged flight. To test their understanding of flight basics, children are encouraged to test their models with a friendly contest at the end of the workshop. Adults are welcome to join in on the fun.

The ever popular *Birds of Prey* program has returned, presented by naturalist Vanessa Avara from the Milford Nature Center. Live birds are part of the program, which offers a unique opportunity to observe these winged predators up close. There will be two presentations. The

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first show begins at 10:15 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. Each program lasts approximately 45 minutes, followed by more fun after the show. A touch table with “birds on a stick” will be available to discover different bird species, examine what they have in common and see how they are different.

Follow- up the bird programs by exploring bird watching on your own. There are two short nature trails for self- discovery. For the more adventurous, there are over 41 miles of hiking trails to experience. All trails are open 24 hours, with some of the best bird watching in the early morning and evening hours.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). All programs will be held within the historic 1880’s three- story limestone barn. All programs and activities are free of charge. For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve’s website at www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494.

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