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Native Plant Weekend at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12, members of the Kansas Native Plant Society will partner with Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve to present a wide variety of programs showcasing the fall plants and wildflowers of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, a special wildflower bus tour will be offered with a member of the Kansas Native Plant Society on board to offer expert guidance. Space is limited to 22 participants. For advance reservations and more information, please call (620) 273- 8494.

Other native plant experts will be available on both days to discuss and present information on tallgrass prairie ecology. Activities and presentations include nature hikes, prairie restoration tours, paper making, seed collecting, a number of interactive displays, such as aromatic plants, “Name the Plant” bouquet, “Name the Grass” bouquet, as well as opportunities to learn about many of the cultural uses of native prairie plants. Children’s activities related to Little bluestem, the recently-named Kansas state grass, will also featured. Demonstrations include fabric dyeing and jelly making.

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Events and activities will run from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. both days, with jelly making demonstrations on Saturday only.

On weekends in September and October visit the one- room Lower Fox Creek Schoolhouse from noon until 4 p.m. National Park Service volunteers explain the role the school played in the early days of education on the prairie. McGuffey readers, slates, and a recitation bench are on display.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway). 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. Superintendent Wendy Lauritzen can be reached at the Cottonwood Falls office headquarters at 620- 273- 6034.

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