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New Station is Focus of Junior Ranger Day Activities

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will celebrate *Junior Ranger Day* on Saturday April 26, 2008 with a fun- filled day of activities. Children of all ages may visit the preserve from 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to complete a new Junior Ranger booklet and Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt. Upon completion of the activities, children will be awarded a Junior Ranger badge, patch, and certificate. All Junior Ranger programs begin at 9 a.m. with a special awards ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in the barn.

The preserve's new Junior Ranger Station, located in the limestone barn, teaches children about the flora and fauna of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Children have the opportunity to make animal tracks or measure their height against the backdrop to see where they "measure up" in relation to prairie plants and animals. Other Junior Ranger Station activities include four unique coloring pages and the *Kid Power* coloring book that can be enjoyed at the preserve or taken home.

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a public/private partnership with the National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, and the Kansas Park Trust. Located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway), the preserve's historic ranch headquarters is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information or to make group reservations, visit the preserve's website at www.nps.gov/tapr, e- mail tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273- 8494.

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