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5th Annual Marvin Schwilling Memorial Butterfly Count at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



You are invited to join in a fun day of citizen science field research by counting butterflies in the Flint Hills on Saturday, June 22. No prior experience in identifying butterflies is necessary to participate. Named in honor of prominent biologist/naturalist Marvin Schwilling, who was born and raised in Chase County, the butterfly census will take place on and near Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Please bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and bug spray. A digital camera will

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also come in handy. Suggested attire includes hiking boots, hat, and long pants. As a courtesy, please RSVP to 620-273-6034 at extension 231 or 261. Lunch and water will be provided. Forgot to RSVP? Last minute walk-ins are still welcome. Please check-in at the preserve's historic 3-story stone barn on KS Hwy 177. Introductions and group coordination will begin at 8:30 a.m. Counts will be conducted in groups that can be either whole or half day. Group counts will run from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) and again from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A short lunch break between sessions will occur to compare notes, share adventures, and switch groups and locations. Transportation to counting locations will be by car-pooling in private vehicles, which will be no farther than seven miles one way from the visitor center.

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 partnership between The Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service. 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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