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## Chickasaw National Recreation Area News Release

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## Travertine Nature Center Shifts to Fall and Winter Hours

SULPHUR, OK – Travertine Nature Center has shifted to its fall and winter operation hours. The nature center opens each day of the week at 9:00am and closes at 4:30pm. The nature center will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Visitors are encouraged to plan a visit to the nature center and learn about park wildlife while viewing the live animal exhibits, which includes snakes, turtles, fish, an owl, and a honeybee hive. Other exhibits include taxidermy wildlife exhibits, bird models, a native wildlife habitat diorama, and a seismometer display. Nature films are also presented upon request. Every Saturday and Sunday the following programs are scheduled at the nature center: 9:30am nature hike to Antelope and Buffalo Springs; 11:00am Junior Ranger Activity; 2pm auditorium Ranger talk; and 3:30pm exhibit floor Ranger talk. School groups may also schedule ranger programs on weekdays by calling the nature center.

Also, Chickasaw National Recreation Area wants to remind fourth graders to visit the Every Kid in a Park website and play a game to access their special Every Kid in a Park pass. Fourth graders and their families can then use this pass for free entry to national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country from September 1st, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The website also includes fun and engaging learning activities aligned to educational standards, trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

For more information about Chickasaw National Recreation Area, visit <a href="www.nps.gov/chic">www.nps.gov/chic</a> or call the Travertine Nature Center at (580) 622-7234.

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