



# Basic SKYWARN Spotter Course

**Objective:** To train storm spotters about severe weather and what to report to the National Weather Service(NWS) and Emergency Management relating to severe thunderstorms, tornados, hail and lightning.

**Topics Include:** Information on SKYWARN and its goal, the NWS mission and the importance of spotters and ground truth reports and examples of how spotters can help forecasters warn the public; thunderstorms hazards, thunderstorm ingredients, downbursts, supercells, tornados, hail, squall lines, bow echoes, derechoes and lightning, severe weather safety and terminology, how to get severe weather information and procedures for reporting severe weather to the NWS.

**Who Should Attend:** Individuals who are interested in becoming SKYWARN weather spotters, feeding valuable information to the National Weather Service. The class is free and open to everyone, no age requirements or previous training is required.

For more information on class locations, dates, and times, check out our website at [weather.gov/bgm](http://weather.gov/bgm) If you have questions please





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