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March Madness is Here!



March Madness has begun! Every year, CoCoRaHS HQ puts on this friendly competition to see which state can recruit the most new observers. We'll be advertising CoCoRaHS hard during this month. Yes, winning would be great of course (look at that trophy!). But more than that, this is a great opportunity to promote a great program, get people excited about weather and science, and help grow our own network in Tennessee!

There are two categories that we'll be watching closely: the traditional count and the per capita count. The traditional count is just the total number of new observers the state recruits while the per capita weights it by population to give low-population states a chance.

Tennessee has never won. Let's change that! This is a great time to challenge yourself to spread the word. Tell a couple friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, etc. about CoCoRaHS and why you love it. You just might help our state take home the prize this year!

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First Middle TN Tornadoes Since January 2022

2022 was a remarkably quiet year for severe weather across Middle Tennessee. In fact, during the entire year, there was only one tornado that impacted Middle Tennessee which was way back on January 1, 2022. On February 16th, severe thunderstorms marching their way through the area produced three tornadoes. Two of these were EF-0s in Lawrence County while the third was a EF-1 in Marshall County. For more information, please check out [this Public Information Statement](#).

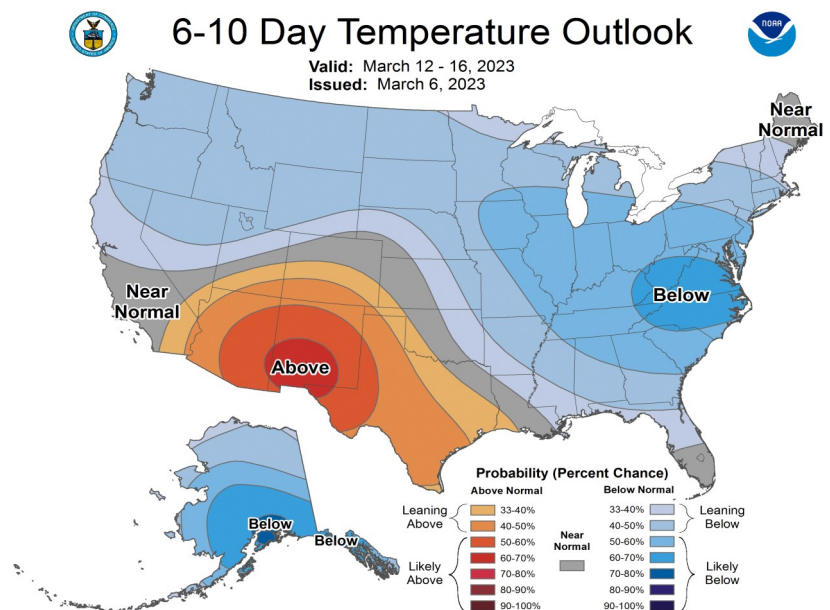
Historic March 3rd High Wind Event

An incredibly strong low pressure system affected the Ohio & Tennessee River Valleys on Friday, March 3rd, bringing high winds to all of Middle Tennessee. Several hours with gusts of 60 to 80 mph were common across the area with each county in WFO Nashville's area reporting significant damage. Unfortunately, 3 people were also killed during this event.

The highest gust measured during this event was 79 mph at Clarksville with even an estimated gust of 80 mph in Livingston. Interested in learning more about what happened? Check out [this write-up](#) that was shared on our Facebook page.

Pattern Change Upcoming?

It's been so warm recently that it's easy to forget it is technically winter. But we might be reminded of that thanks to a pattern change that's expected within the next week. Widespread colder than normal temperatures are favored across most of the United States. Temperatures will be fluctuating quite a bit over at least the next week, and we may even be in for freezing overnight lows this weekend or early next week. Stay tuned and keep those jackets handy!



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Meet
Brian!

Brian has been a CoCoRaHS observer in Fairview for several years, and he loves citizen science. In addition to his CoCoRaHS station, he also has two other types of weather stations in his yard. Brian finds it easy to contribute and do his part for science and simply takes his rain gauge reading while he's walking outside to collect his paper! Brian is a ham radio operator, certified Tennessee Naturalist as well as an avid birder and member of the American and Tennessee Ornithological Society. In fact, Brian is the top all time contributor of eBird completed checklists for Williamson County!

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Meet
Ronnie!

Ronnie has been a CoCoRaHS observer in Williamson County since 2018. Ronnie has always been interested in weather whether it's rain, severe weather, or snow. They are glad to be a part of a group that gathers and shares weather data. Ronnie is also a ham radio operator and a member of the Williamson County ARES, which plays a significant role in weather alerts and awareness.

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