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Join us for Severe Weather Awareness Day!



Severe Weather Awareness Day is back! For the first time since February 2020, NWS Nashville will be hosting SWAD at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. It's sure to be a fun day so be sure to come out and meet us!

What is SWAD? It's a public event hosted by NWS Nashville that brings members of the community together to engage with one another and talk about weather and science. You'll get to meet your favorite on-air meteorologists from News 2, NewsChannel 5, WSMV, and FOX17. Come meet amateur radio enthusiasts, members of the American Red Cross, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and more!

As this is the first SWAD event in three years, we also have a lot of big events to recap. You'll also get a chance to learn more about the March 2020 Nashville tornado, the Waverly flash flood event, and the Mayfield, KY tornado.

For more information, visit weather.gov/ohx/SWAD2023.

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Upcoming Weather Safety Classes

NWS Nashville is excited to offer new basic weather safety classes! These classes will start soon with the first class on February 21st. If you can't make that one, there will be a total of 7 different virtual classes offered through March. Be sure to check out weather.gov/ohx/weathersafety for the full schedule and to register for the one that works best for you!

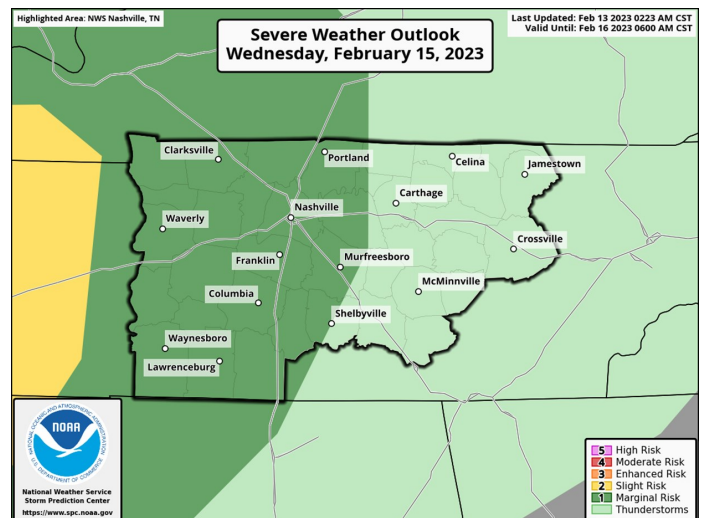
Did You Know??

Did you know that CoCoRaHS observers have the ability to submit Significant Weather Reports as well as Hail Reports? Did you also know that when you fill one of those out, they come to your local NWS office in real-time?! That's right! Don't be afraid to submit a Hail Report when there is hail at your location or a Significant Weather Report when you're receiving heavy rain or heavy snow. Your reports really can make all the difference and provide meteorologists valuable data when they are trying to make a decision.

For information, visit weather.gov/ohx/cocorahsfaq.

Severe Weather Possible This Week

It's a beautiful start to the week, but the pattern turns active on Tuesday. Winds will pick up Tuesday afternoon and evening, likely turning windy areawide. Rain showers will also move into the area late Tuesday with rounds of rain expected through Friday morning. Thunderstorms will also be possible, particularly Wednesday night and Thursday. Some of these may turn strong to severe. Some details such as timing and main hazards remain uncertain so be sure to stay tuned for the latest!



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March Madness!

March Madness is almost here! And no, I'm not talking about basketball. Every March, CoCoRaHS holds a friendly competition to see which state can recruit the most new observers. There are two different categories in this event: 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 the number based on population to give lower population states a fair chance. The winner in each category gets to take the CoCoRaHS Cup!

Tennessee has never won! Can we change that this year? If you know someone who would make a great CoCoRaHS observer, then start spreading the word! Beginning March 1st, let's help Tennessee make a strong showing in this year's March Madness competition!



The CoCoRaHS Cup!

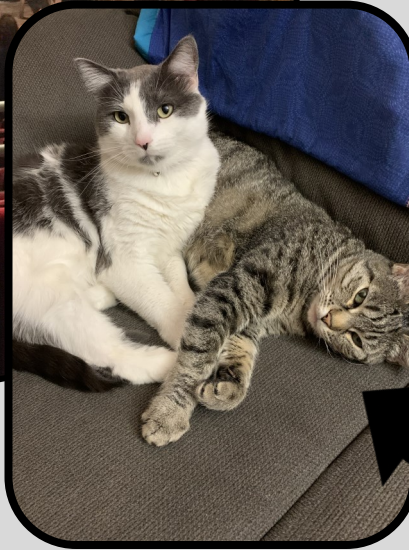


Here's a look at active CoCoRaHS observers across NWS Nashville's area. Can we boost those numbers or even add to counties that have none??

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Meet
Alyssa!

Dash & Sasha

Alyssa is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Nashville, TN. Before transferring to this office last fall, she worked at NWS Albuquerque for 4 years where she also served as the regional CoCoRaHS coordinator. Alyssa is no stranger to TN though as she grew up in Estill Springs in Franklin County, and she is thrilled to be able to return to her home state. Outside of weather and forecasting, Alyssa has done a lot of work on emergency preparedness for communities who are traditionally underserved and has specially worked with the Deaf and hard of hearing community. Besides work, Alyssa is an avid football fan, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers. She loves to travel, read, drink coffee, and is a cat mom to Dash and Sasha.

I would love to recognize and highlight YOU in these newsletters! If you're interested, tell me about yourself via [this form](#).

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