



It's That Time of the Year Again!

A blue graphic with a white border. The text reads "Precipitation Absurdity 2024" in white cursive, "March 1-31, 2024" in white bold, and "How many new volunteers can you recruit in your state?" in white. The CoCoRaHS logo is on the right side.

Do you know someone that would be a great CoCoRaHS observer? It's the perfect time of the year to get them on board! Yes, our annual friendly recruitment competition is back, and it has a new name this year — Precipitation Absurdity (probably to avoid conflict with a certain NCAA event...). Whatever you want to call it, let's make sure Tennessee makes a strong showing this year!

Last year, we recruited 140 new observers which was enough to give our state third place. Can we beat that? I hope so! Help to spread the word, and you can always check the latest standings at cocorahs.org.

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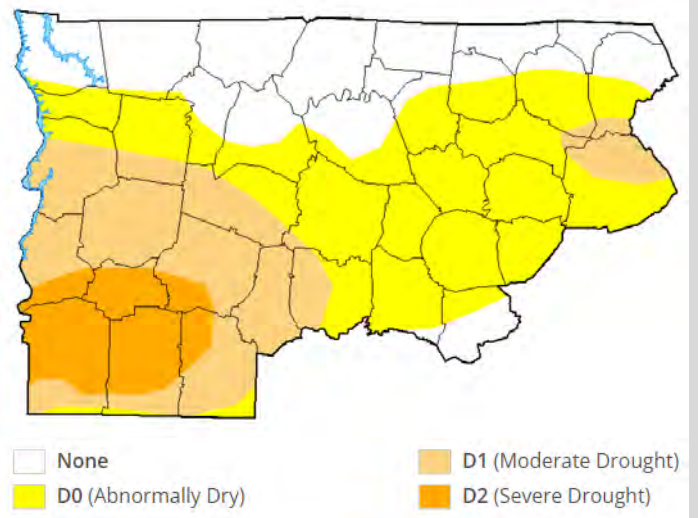
Weather101 is Back!



Our Weather101 classes are coming to you soon! If you're interested in taking a deeper dive into various weather subjects such as radar, storm surveys, weather balloons, flooding, and a lot more, then these courses are for you. The best part is, they are FREE, and you get to talk directly to a National Weather Service meteorologist.

We even have two new classes this year: Rip Currents and Tsunamis. So check out the full schedule of classes at weather.gov/ohx/weather101. Classes start March 19th!

Drought Improvement



Drought conditions began to develop last fall during an abnormally dry stretch, but we are making improvements! The latest drought monitor only shows our southwest as being in moderate to severe drought. The good news? The seasonal outlook for this spring favors above normal precipitation so continued drought improvement is likely. For a more detailed analysis of the drought, please see [our latest statement here](#).

Spring Equinox

The official start of spring is coming soon! March 19th at 10:06 PM CT to be exact. An equinox happens twice a year (the other being the fall equinox in September), and on these two days of the year, the Earth's axis is perpendicular to the sun's rays. This means that all regions on Earth receive nearly equal hours of day and night. "Equinox" is derived from Latin, meaning "equal night". But the literal translation isn't entirely true in that we get exactly 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night. But it's close enough. After the spring equinox, we'll continue to gain daylight and sunsets will be later until we get to the summer solstice in June.

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Meet Charles!

Charles has been a CoCoRaHS observer in Marshall County since 2007! Charles had been interested in weather for many years, and when he first read about CoCoRaHS, he knew it would be something to enjoy doing in retirement. His favorite part about being an observer is seeing the variations in rainfall amounts between communities. His participation in the program has even spread to his neighbors who help him report rain when he's unable to. He even shares rain totals with several in his community. His most memorable weather event as a CoCoRaHS observer was a hail storm that covered the ground in his neighborhood. Charles is a Vietnam veteran and is retired from the communications industry. In his free time, he also enjoys the outdoors and camping.

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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