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HEADS UP!...APRIL 7TH IS #SAFEPLACESELFIE DAY

We encourage all WRN Ambassadors to participate in #SafePlaceSelfie Day on Wednesday, April 7th by posting where your safe place is from various types of weather hazards. Challenge your employees to participate as well and get their families at home involved. Knowing your safe place is one of the most essential preparedness actions everyone can take. Share your #SafePlaceSelfie with us on Social Media! [More Information](#)



Northland SKYWARN Training 2021

Are you wondering when the next round of SKYWARN Training is due to begin? Fear not, as it's just around the corner! You can find the class schedule here: <https://www.weather.gov/dlh/skywarn>



APRIL 12-16 IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK!

The National Weather Service, together with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Wisconsin Emergency Management uses this week to promote severe weather safety and preparedness. This week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. As Weather Ready Ambassadors, this is a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

The most important event during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the Tornado Drills. In Minnesota and Wisconsin, the 2021 statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 15th. In many communities, outdoor warning sirens will sound a simulated tornado warning. Take advantage of these drills to review what you will do when these sirens sound on any other day.

Each day of the week focuses on a different weather safety topic:

- Monday: Alerts and Warnings
- Tuesday: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail
- Wednesday: Floods
- Thursday: Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)
- Friday: Extreme Heat

Visit our [Severe Weather Awareness page](#) for specific information about these topics, including factsheets, checklists, data and other resources.

Take advantage of Severe Weather Awareness Week to review your own and your family's emergency procedures and prepare for weather-related hazards.

SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING

- Free class lasting about two hours, delivered online via webinar
- Learn all about thunderstorms, including how to identify different parts of storms!
- Severe weather safety and preparedness tips
- All classes are appropriate for all ages - invite the whole family to watch and interact!
- Become an official spotter for our office
- Advanced spotter classes:
 - Will go more in-depth into storm features and radar interpretation
 - Are offered the final week of April
 - Take the normal/basic course first

Register at
[weather.gov/
duluth/skywarn](https://www.weather.gov/duluth/skywarn)

Skywarn Spotter

Class Schedule:

- April 7th at 11 AM CDT
- April 12th at Noon
- April 13th at 6:30 PM
- April 14th at 10 AM
- April 15th at 6:30 PM
- April 21st at 6:30 PM
- Advanced Classes!
 - April 27th at 10 AM
 - April 28th at 2 PM
 - April 29th at 6:30 PM

Check our website for any additional classes!



Visit

<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/spring-safety>
for useful spring safety information you can share!

1991-2020 CLIMATE NORMALS COMING MAY 2021

NOAA will soon release an update of U.S. climate data for placing recent weather conditions—such as heat waves and flooding rain—into historical context.

Climatologists from NOAA NCEI are currently compiling and reviewing 30 years of weather and climate data from across the U.S. to serve as the nation’s updated climate “normals” for the next 10 years. This new 30-year dataset will span from 1991 to 2020 and is scheduled for release in May 2021.

Check out the [NCEI News Article](#) on the new Normals!

NEW APOSTLE ISLANDS NEARSHORE MARINE ZONE

A change to the Lake Superior marine zones was made March 30, 2021 in order to improve service to Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Users! This new nearshore zone has been added to the NWS Duluth nearshore marine forecast, encompassing all of the Apostle Islands beyond 5NM from the mainland.

Advantages:

- More refined marine forecast for marine interests within the Apostle Islands
- Small Craft Advisories can now be issued for the entire Apostle Islands archipelago.

There was a clear need for a new zone, as there have been marine-based fatalities in the “outer” islands. Some of the most popular locations in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore are within this new zone (notably Stockton and Devil’s Island, also the Manitou Island Fish Camp), and the area has around a quarter-million visitors annually.

How to access the new forecast:

- Clickable map of zone forecasts for nearshore waters of western Lake Superior: <https://www.weather.gov/marine/dlhmz>
- Forecasts are updated 4x a day at 4am/10am/4pm/10pm.
- Point Marine Forecasts, including an interactive map of conditions and hazards along with hourly forecast details, are available from the NWS Great Lakes Portal at <https://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/> (We highly recommend all marine users venturing out on Lake Superior use this website!)
- The forecast can also be found on NOAA Weather Radio - more information here: <https://www.weather.gov/dlh/weatherradio>

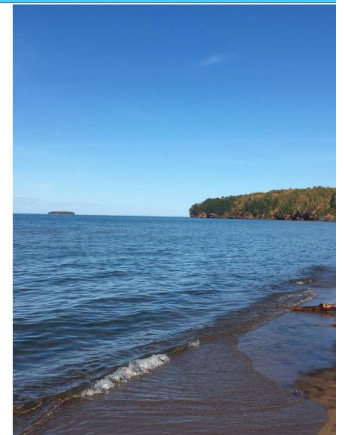
For additional information, [visit weather.gov/dlh/apostle-islands-marine-zone-change](https://www.weather.gov/dlh/apostle-islands-marine-zone-change) on this change!

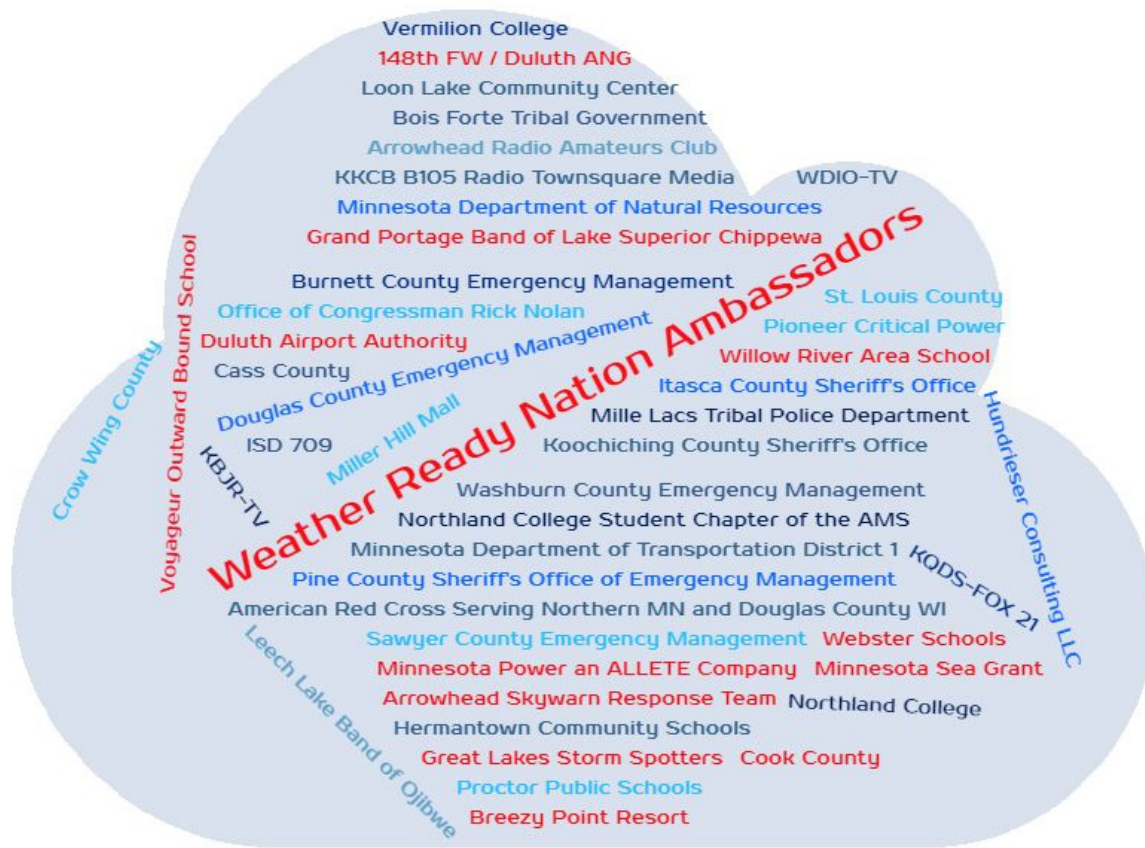
New Marine Zone For The “Outer” Apostle Islands



A new nearshore marine zone has been added within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore covering the “outer” islands.

For more information on this change, visit: [weather.gov/dlh/apostle-islands-marine-zone-change](https://www.weather.gov/dlh/apostle-islands-marine-zone-change)





WEATHER READY NATION AMBASSADORS

The National Weather Service office in Duluth, Minnesota is calling on community organizations and agencies to become Weather-Ready Nation (WRN) Ambassadors. WRN Ambassadors help in spreading WRN messages and building community resilience to extreme weather. Building a Weather-Ready Nation requires more than just the National Weather Service. It requires the entire community, its government, organizations and businesses to provide information for better decision making, and innovative partnerships across all segments of society. We must involve everyone in an effort to move people - and society - toward heeding warnings, taking action, and influencing their circles of family, friends, and social network to act appropriately.

As a WRN Ambassador, you will serve as a leader in your community. You will inspire others to be better informed and prepared, helping to minimize or even avoid the impacts of these natural disasters.

To officially be recognized as a WRN Ambassador, an organization must commit to:

- Promoting Weather-Ready Nation messages and themes to their stakeholders;
- Engaging with National Weather Service Duluth personnel on potential collaboration opportunities;
- Sharing their success stories of preparedness and resiliency;
- Serving as an example by educating employees on workplace preparedness.

Together, we will inform and empower communities, businesses, and people to make pre-event decisions that can be life-saving and prevent or limit devastating economic losses. We are a nation of many communities, and it is only through connected communities that we will achieve this goal.

To apply to become a WRN Ambassador, visit <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/amb-tou>