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HEAT SAFETY

Heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related fatalities each year. Heat waves have the potential to cover a large area, exposing a high number of people to a hazardous combination of heat and humidity, which can be very taxing on the body. Learn how to stay safe during a heat wave at www.weather.gov/heat #KeepYourCool #HeatSafety

Practice HEAT SAFETY Wherever You Are

Heat related deaths are preventable. Protect yourself and others from the impacts of heat waves.

Job Sites
Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade as often as possible

Indoors
Check up on the elderly, sick and those without AC

Vehicles
Never leave kids or pets unattended - LOOK before you LOCK

Outdoors
Limit strenuous outdoor activities, find shade, and stay hydrated

[weather.gov/heat](http://www.weather.gov/heat)



SUMMER BEACH SEASON HAS BEGUN IN THE NORTHLAND!

The National Weather Service has begun issuing a Beach forecast for Minnesota and Park Point and Wisconsin Point for the summer, and will continue through the end of September.

This forecast contains beach forecast information, including a daily “Swim Risk”, which is based on that day’s threat of high waves and dangerous currents. It also includes a wind, wave, weather and temperature forecast for the current day and the next, as well as a general outlook for the next 3 days. On high swim risk days, a Beach Hazards Statement is issued to alert swimmers about life threatening conditions on Lake Superior.

Be sure to check with local authorities regarding potential beach closures. The beach forecast for many beaches of Lake Superior and other Great Lakes and Ocean beaches can be accessed at weather.gov/beach or, weather.gov/Greatlakes/beachhazards,

BEACH HAZARDS & WATER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK JUNE 6-12 2021

Going on now is Beach Hazards & Water Safety Awareness Week! Share our social media posts and see a handy slide deck of our materials you can use at: weather.gov/dlh/beachhazards_awareness_week

Wear a Life Jacket
Tip #4

Don't Just Bring Your Life Jacket: WEAR IT!

- Drowning was the reported cause of death in three fourths of all boating fatalities in 2015; of those, 85% were NOT wearing life jackets
- Accidents on the water happen much too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket

Most boaters know they have to have a jacket on board, but boating safety advocates recommend that boaters wear it at all times

Wear It!

More info: Visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com

For beach forecasts, safety, statistics, and more visit: www.weather.gov/Greatlakes/beachhazards

WHERE TO FIND TWIN PORTS BEACH WEATHER

The best way to access beach forecast information for the Twin Ports is at the website ParkPointBeach.org. This website is run by the Twin Ports Rip Current Working Group and their collaborators and partners to provide accurate and timely information to the public about the conditions on Park Point Beach.

ParkPointBeach.org has weather, winds, waves, and swim hazard information from the NWS, along with the UV index, and bacteria information for the beaches of the Twin Ports area. We strongly encourage you to visit this valuable website before going out to any of our Twin Ports beaches!

*Going to the beach?
Visit:
ParkPointBeach.org*

Rip Current safety information you can share can be found at: weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent



NOAA WEATHER RADIO - A TOOL FOR WEATHER SAFETY

What is NOAA Weather Radio?

NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) is a radio broadcast provided by the National Weather Service to disseminate continuous forecasts, warnings, and other pieces of weather information. Weather messages repeat about every 6 minutes. However, these continuous loops may be longer during highly active weather. During severe weather, messages are repeated as often as every 3 minutes.

The primary objective of NWR is to broadcast warnings immediately to the public. All other information on NWR is considered secondary and may be suspended from the broadcast cycle during severe weather events. Since warning dissemination is the primary objective of NWR, some weather radios have the capability to audibly alert you when a warning is issued. Another technology found in certain NWR receivers is what's called SAME technology. SAME technology allows you to program a code specific to your area into your radio. Once you plug in the code for your area, the radio will provide audible alerts only when a warning is issued within your chosen area. Learn how to program your weather radio at: <https://www.weather.gov/dlh/weatherradio>

Visit <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/summer-safety>

for useful summer safety information you can share on your own social media, website or to print out and share with your visitors!

DID YOU MISS SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING?

If you missed the live classes during the spring, it's okay! We recorded the presentation and it's available for you to watch anytime, at [weather.gov/dlh/skywarn](https://www.weather.gov/dlh/skywarn)

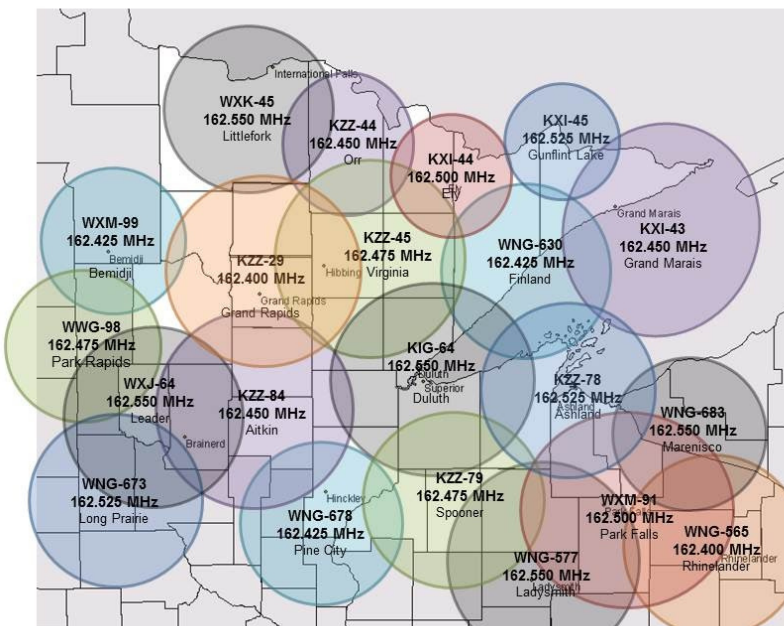
If you want to register to be a spotter, or you just want to get a bit of refresher training, please check out the recorded version!

If you have questions, comments, or feedback on this class or the Skywarn program, please contact Warning Coordination Meteorologist Joe Moore: joseph.moore@noaa.gov

Advantages of using NOAA Weather Radio

The primary advantage of NWR is that coverage is nearly universal across the Northland. This is particularly useful for areas that have poor cell phone coverage, such as the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. By using NWR, critical and potentially life-saving information can be obtained in remote locations. By promoting this service, especially to vulnerable populations such as those spending days in the wilderness, you can help in the protection of life and property.

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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>