



# National Weather Service Media Advisory



**Peachtree City NWS Office  
4 Falcon Drive  
Peachtree City, GA 30269**

## Activity

**Air Force Reserve “Hurricane Hunter” Aircraft will visit Peachtree City, Ga.** The public and media are invited to come aboard a WC-130J Hurricane Hunter Aircraft and meet the crew members who fly into hurricanes. In recognition of “Hurricane Awareness” and kick off of the 2009 Hurricane Season, the National Weather Service office in Peachtree City is teaming up with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Weather Reconnaissance Squadron to bring a heightened awareness of inland tropical storm threats. The **National Weather Service Office will also host an “Open House”** to give area residents a chance to learn more about forecasts and warnings. For more information about the “Hurricane Hunters” and the WC-130 aircraft, go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ffc/html/hrcnhunter09.shtml>

In addition to learning about the various hazards, the public will be informed on how to monitor the tropics, track storms, receive warnings and take actions to protect life and property. The Red Cross and various Emergency Management agencies will be invited to participate in the event.

## When

**Saturday  
Jun 13, 2009  
11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

## Where

**Falcon Field Airport**, adjacent to the **forecast office** on Falcon Drive.

*From Interstate 85:* go to the Peachtree City exit...turn south onto Highway 74 and go to Peachtree City. From Highway 74, turn right onto TDK Blvd., then turn left onto Dividend Drive. Travel several hundred yards and turn right onto Falcon Drive, which is the entrance to Falcon Field Airport. The National Weather Service Office will be the first building on the left. The airport is at the end of Falcon Drive.

*From State Highway 85:* Turn west at the intersection of 85 and 74. After several miles, turn left onto Dividend Drive. That intersection is marked with a small green sign with an airplane. Cross the railroad tracks and less than one quarter mile past the tracks, turn left onto Falcon Drive. The National Weather Service Office will be the first building on the left. The airport is at the end of Falcon Drive.

## Background

The 2008 Atlantic Hurricane Season produced a record number of consecutive storms that struck the United States and ranks as one of the more active seasons in the 64 years since official records began. In 2008, Tropical Storm Fay moved inland from the Central Gulf Coast and produced at least six tornadoes across central and north Georgia. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina produced a record 18 tornadoes across the state and Hurricane Dennis produced extensive flooding with over eight inches of rain. Most of the tropical systems that affect the state of Georgia come from the gulf. Latest tropical forecasts indicate 2009 could be another active season with the Gulf Coastal Region having over a 60% chance of being hit by a named storm. Therefore, the National Weather Service Office in Peachtree City, Georgia decided to team up once again with the Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunters to bring awareness to the hazards associated with tropical storms moving inland.

## Invitation

Please join the Peachtree City National Weather Service and Southeast River Forecast Center staff in making this Hurricane Awareness Event a great success. We appreciate your support.

For additional information, please contact Dan Darbe, Barry Gooden or Laura Griffith at the Peachtree City National Weather Service Office at (770) 486-1133 ext.241 or ext. 242.