



You're invited to attend a CoCoRaHS training workshop!

The National Weather Service and the Minnesota State Climatology Office have teamed up to provide a free 2 hour workshop for current or prospective CoCoRaHS observers across central and southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

The workshop will include in-depth training on precipitation, snowfall, and snow depth measurements. Participants will have hands-on training in using a 4" rain gage, snow board, and snow measuring stick to take daily weather observations.

Guidance on where to site weather observing equipment, and a step-by-step demonstration on how to enter and view observations on the CoCoRaHS website will also be provided. Other topics of discussion will include how CoCoRaHS observations are used by the National Weather Service, the Minnesota State Climate Office, and others; and how CoCoRaHS observers can provide special observations during significant weather events such as hail, flooding, and severe winter weather, via the CoCoRaHS website.



Workshops are being offered in late February at the following locations (additional workshops will be scheduled across the region this summer):

Thursday February 18, 2010

Chanhassen, MN

Chanhassen Recreation Center
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Friday February 26, 2010

St. Cloud, MN

St. Cloud State University – Wick Science Building
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Saturday February 27, 2010

Maplewood, MN

Maplewood Fire Station #2
10:00 AM to Noon



Advanced registration is required. Please contact Michelle Margraf at the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minnesota to register at Michelle.Margraf@noaa.gov or 952-368-2520. The workshop is free, and open to the public. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Each participant will receive a confirmation of class registration via mail or e-mail.

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network, known as CoCoRaHS, is a grass-roots organization which began in Colorado, and has spread across all 50 states. Through this network, anyone with a standard 4" rain gage and an interest in weather can share precipitation information gathered in their backyard with the world via the CoCoRaHS website. For more information on how to join the CoCoRaHS network or order a rain gage, please visit <http://www.cocorahs.org/>.