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Registration is Now Open for 2015 SKYWARN® Spotter Classes

The National Weather Service in Northern Indiana in cooperation with area Emergency Management has set up SKYWARN® Spotter Training for 2015. Emergency Managers from 22 counties have identified locations to host these classes. SKYWARN® Spotters are critical to fulfilling the National Weather Service mission of saving lives and protecting property.

The ground truth reports from SKYWARN® Spotters are an integral part of the mission critical warning process that combines advanced Doppler radar data and meteorological skills. SKYWARN® Spotter observations also provide information when compiling documentation of severe weather events, verification of warnings and service assessments. These reports become part of the Storm Data publication, providing data on a variety of severe and unusual weather phenomenon, including statistics on deaths, injuries, and property and crop damage nation-wide.

“Year after year, reports from SKYWARN® volunteers assist the National Weather Service in issuing more timely and accurate warnings based on real-time reports throughout our 37 County Warning Area” stated Michael Lewis, Warning Coordination Meteorologist. “It is the National Weather Service mission to issue warnings to protect life and property.”

To be recognized as SKYWARN® Spotter, volunteers will need to complete two free online courses and attend a classroom SKYWARN® Training. Additionally, these volunteers are encouraged to work with their county Emergency Management office to maintain county-specific training requirements.

Volunteers interested in attending the SKYWARN® Spotter Training are encouraged to register online. A list of available training dates, times and locations is online at the Northern Indiana National Weather Service website (<http://www.weather.gov/iwx>). Links to prerequisite training requirements are also available from each registration page.

The [National Weather Service’s Northern Indiana Forecast Office](#), located in Syracuse, Indiana is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for about 2.4 million people 5 Michigan counties, 8 counties in Northwest Ohio, 24 Indiana Counties and the near shore waters of Southern Lower Lake Michigan. Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Working with partners, the [National Weather Service](#) is building a [Weather-Ready Nation](#) to support community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather.

February, 2015 - Upcoming

Day	City, State	Time	Location
03	Peru, IN (Miami County)	6:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Peru Senior High School 401 N. Broadway Peru, IN 46970 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://miami-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
05	Elkhart, IN (Elkhart County)	6:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Elkhart County Correctional Campus 26861 CR 26 Elkhart, IN 46517 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://elkhart-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
10	Marion, IN (Grant County)	6:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Grant County Emergency Management Office 401 S. Adams St. Marion, IN 46953 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://grant-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
11	Auburn, IN (DeKalb County)	6:30pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> DeKalb County Office Building 215 East 9th Street Basement Auburn, IN 46706 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://dekalb-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
12	Portland, IN (Jay County)	6:30pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Jay County Courthouse Auditorium 160 W. Main Street Portland, IN 47371 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://jay-in-spotter.eventzilla.net

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18	Rochester, IN (Fulton County)	6:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Wynnfield Crossing 1429 Wabash Rd Rochester, IN 46975 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://fulton-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
19	Logansport, IN (Cass County)	6:30pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Ivy Tech - Logansport Campus 1 Ivy Tech Way Logansport, IN 46947 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://cass-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
24	Huntington, IN (Huntington County)	6:30pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Merillat Centre for the Arts 2303 College Avenue Huntington, IN 46750 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://huntington-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
25	Michigan City , IN (LaPorte County)	6:30pm CST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> LaPorte County is in the Central Time Zone Michigan City Hall 100 E Michigan Blvd (Lower Level - EOC) Michigan City, IN 46360 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://laporte-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
26	Plymouth, IN (Marshall County)	6:30pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Marshall County Building 112 W. Jefferson Street Room 203 Plymouth, IN 46563 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://marshall-in-spotter.eventzilla.net

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02	Defiance, OH (Defiance County)	7:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Defiance County EMA 22491 Mill Street Defiance, OH 43512 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://defiance-oh-spotter.eventzilla.net
04	Lima, OH (Allen County)	6:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> UNOH Event Center 1450 N. Cable Road Lima, OH 45805 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://allen-oh-spotter.eventzilla.net
05	Archbold, OH (Fulton County)	6:00pm EST	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Northwest State Community College Auditorium 22600 State Route 34 Archbold, OH 43502 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://fulton-oh-spotter.eventzilla.net
09	Angola, IN (Steuben County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Steuben County Annex 205 S. Martha St. Angola, IN 46703 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://steuben-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
10	Berrien Springs, MI (Berrien County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Andrew's University (Hall TBD) 8975 US Highway 31 Berrien Springs, MI 49104 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link <i>Contact Information:</i> http://berrien-mi-spotter.eventzilla.net

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11	Warsaw, IN (Kosciusko County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Munsun Building 216 N Lake St Warsaw, IN 46580 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link Contact Information: http://kosciusko-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
16	Paulding, OH (Paulding County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Paulding County Extension Building 502 Fairground Dr. Paulding, OH 45879 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link Contact Information: http://paulding-oh-spotter.eventzilla.net
17	Coldwater, MI (Branch County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> CHC Conference Center 370 E Chicago Street Coldwater, MI 49036 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link Contact Information: http://branch-mi-spotter.eventzilla.net
19	Bluffton, IN (Wells County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Wells County 4-H Park 1240 4-H Park Rd Bluffton, IN 46714 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link Contact Information: http://wells-in-spotter.eventzilla.net
23	Dowagiac, MI (Cass County)	6:00pm EDT	<u>2015 SKYWARN Spotter Training</u> Southwestern Michigan College 58900 Cherry Grove Road Dowagiac, MI 49047 Registration is preferred and more specific information can be found online at: Registration Link Contact Information: http://cass-mi-spotter.eventzilla.net

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