



Interested in Weather?

Become a National Weather Service Storm Spotter!

A free training class will be held in Globe on Saturday April 26th that will teach people how to properly identify and report significant weather phenomena and contribute to public safety. Even with sophisticated technology like radar and satellites, we still need ground truth information from trained weather spotters throughout the year. You will learn about how thunderstorms work, how to identify cloud features associated with microbursts and tornadoes, visually estimate wind speeds, and how your reports tie in to warnings and advisories issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). In addition, you will learn about all of the services available from the NWS. See below for details on time and location.

Adult volunteers are community minded individuals, who understand that they play an essential role in providing storm information to the National Weather Service. Anyone can be a spotter and we encourage those that like to pay attention to the weather to become involved.

In Arizona, the NWS Phoenix Office forecasts for Maricopa, La Paz, Yuma, southern Gila, and northwest Pinal counties. In southeast California, we forecast for Imperial and Eastern Riverside counties.

Time: April 26th 10:00 am – noon

Location: Gila County Emergency Services
5515 S. Apache Ave. Suite 400
Globe, AZ 85501

Registration: email to ccates@gilacountyaz.gov
or phone 928-402-8510

Immediately following the presentation, completion certificates will be issued and program participation will be confirmed. If you have any questions, please contact Austin Jamison or Ken Waters at the NWS Phoenix Forecast Office – (602) 275-0073 (option 5) or visit weather.gov/phoenix and look for a news headline referencing Spotter classes.