

National Weather Association (NWA) Local Chapter Information and Resources

Local chapters organize in a variety of different ways: around an academic center, geographic location, research institution, military posts, commercial interest, etc. Whatever the focus, the NWA Local Chapter Team wants to provide the information, resources and references organizers need to form an active and successful local chapter. Local chapters often invite speakers, organize tours, sponsor and judge science fairs, and participate in community services. The NWA Local Chapter team hopes that in addition to these activities your local chapter may also consider taking advantage of the NWA's professional development and leadership opportunities, sponsoring or attending the NWA Annual Meeting or regional scientific meetings, submitting an article for publication, nominating candidates for awards, representing the NWA, and/or staffing a booth at professional meetings in your area.

FAQ

How do we organize an NWA Local Chapter?

You can find information about organizing an NWA Local Chapter at the following link: http://www.nwas.org/local/local_chapter_request.pdf

How do we update our chapter information?

Send an email to localchapters@nwas.org and assist@nwas.org with the updated information as well as your contact information. Periodically check the NWA Local Chapters Web page and submit changes as needed. The NWA IT Committee can also help chapters in setting up a Web site.

How do we contact the NWA?

For help with a question about local chapters, contact the NWA Local Chapter Team at localchapters@nwas.org. A list of team members is located below. You may also contact the NWA office at assist@nwas.org or 919-845-1546. Other contact information is available on the NWA homepage at http://www.nwas.org.

How do we find a meeting speaker or virtual presentation?

To find other NWA members who have an interest in providing local chapter presentations in person or remotely, contact us at localchapters@nwas.org.

What NWA social media resources are available?

Find a list of NWA social media sites on the <u>Social Media Committee page</u>. Also, check out the NWA Local Chapters Flickr group at: http://www.flickr.com/groups/1978763@N22

Want the NWA to share your social media blasts? Contact the NWA Social Media Committee at socialmedia@nwas.org

How do we get a copy of the NWA logo?

The logo is available for download from the NWA Member Portal at http://member.nwas.org or contact the NWA Assistant Executive Director at assist@nwas.org.

How do we submit a nomination for the NWA Local Chapter Award or another NWA Award?

A list of NWA Awards, descriptions and nominating procedures are located at: http://nwas.org/awards/index.php.

What scholarships and grants does the NWA offer?

The NWA offers a number of scholarship opportunities and one grant for students studying meteorology and related fields. Details are on the NWA Web site <u>Scholarships</u> and <u>Grants</u> pages. The <u>Grants</u> page also advertises that each year the NWA offers Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants to K-12 teachers who want to develop or improve meteorology education in their schools. Local Chapters can help promote the Fund Grants.

Where is information about the NWA Annual Meeting, regional conferences and other meetings?

The <u>NWA Annual Meetings Web page</u> has information about upcoming and past annual meetings. Agendas and presentations from past meetings are included on some of the meeting summary pages. Looking for other regional meetings, events and conferences check out the <u>Events</u> page.

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