

2015 5th Grade Hurricane Preparedness Webinars

Description: The Hurricanes: Science and Society (HSS) team at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography (URIO/GSO) will again partner with The National Hurricane Center (NHC) and the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center (AOC) to offer hurricane preparedness webinars for 5th grade classes.

Purpose: The purpose of the Webinars is to raise awareness about hurricanes in advance of the 2015 North Atlantic hurricane season. The Webinars will be presented by region: Gulf Coast, Southeast, and Northeast Atlantic.

Program: During these free, 1-hour webinars, students will hear from NHC scientists, as well as NOAA AOC personnel that fly into hurricanes. A presentation on region-specific hurricane science and preparedness will be given with interactive questions prompting student responses. Classroom questions will also be collected in advance of the webinar; as many of these questions as possible will be answered by the hurricane scientists. Many videos, visualizations, graphics, and other media will be included to engage students.

Outline:

Hurricanes and Hazards- National Hurricane Center
Flying Into Hurricane- NOAA Hurricane Hunters
Virtual Tour of the National hurricane Center- National Hurricane Center
Hurricane Preparedness- National Hurricane Center

Student questions may be submitted ahead of the webinars and student questions are woven into the actual presentations. The webinar platform also allows NHC/NOAA personnel and HSS staff to answer student questions in real time during the webinar.

Registration Information:

Schools/classes wanting to participate **MUST REGISTER** in advance.

To register for your regional webinar, please go to: www.hurricanesience.org/webinar

Once registered, you should receive a confirmation email from “Hurricane Webinar Registration” (webinar@hurricanesience.net). You will want to be sure to check Junk/Spam email folders for this email! You will receive additional information prior to the webinar, but **this email is critical as it will contain your connection information for the webinar.**

Dates:

Gulf Coast: Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 10:00am CT (11:00 am ET)

Gulf Coast States include: TX, LA, MS, AL, GA, and FL Panhandle & FL Gulf Coast.

Southeast Coast: Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 10:00am ET

Southeast Coast states include: FL Atlantic Coast, SC, NC, VA, MD, DE & Washington DC.

Northeast Coast: Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 10:00 am ET

Northeast Coast states include: NJ, PA, NY, CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, ME.

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