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Melbourne, FL

Announcing: SKYWARN Recognition Day 2021

December 3rd, 2021 @ 7PM EST – December 4th, 2021 @ 7 PM EST

What is SKYWARN Recognition Day?

SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that SKYWARN™ volunteers make to the NWS mission, the protection of life and property.

For 20 years, HAM radio operators would gather at NWS offices around the country and try to make as many contacts as possible around the world during a 24-hour period by exchanging weather information. From 1999 to 2018, NWS Melbourne made the most contacts out of all participating offices seven times, most recently in 2014. In 2020, due to COVID restrictions, the event expanded greatly to include a social media campaign in which we shared SKYWARN information, trivia questions, and asked spotters to check-in by sending us a weather report and their spotter ID.

How Can You Participate?

Like in 2020, 2021 will include a day of social media posts, with activities planned for 8am-4pm on December 4th via our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) accounts. However, this year, we ask that those who would like to participate check-in with their spotter ID [here](#) at any time between 7pm December 3rd and 7pm December 4th, 2021. After checking in, a point will be added for your zip code location to a national map featuring SKYWARN spotters from across the U.S., which can be accessed [here](#). **No personal information will be shared publicly at any point.**

Who Can Participate?

All trained NWS SKYWARN spotters (ham radio operators or not)! All SKYWARN™ spotters provide critical weather information before, during and after adverse weather strikes. This includes reports of wind damage, tornadoes, flooding and wall clouds. This is our 24 hours to recognize all of the SKYWARN™ spotters serving our nation!

