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## Weather Spotter Training

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Clatskanie School District Board Room 555 SW Bryant St

Clatskanie, OR 97016

The National Weather Service welcomes volunteers with an interest in severe weather spotting. The Skywarn program is totally voluntary. You will be trained on weather events similar to those listed in the Severe Weather Spotter's Guide, the opportunity to call in several times a month depending on the weather pattern in your neck-of-the-woods. If you agree, we may occasionally call you for a "ground truth" as to what is actually happening near your house. Most likely our phone call will be to confirm an element of potentially severe thunderstorms, like large hail, or damaging wind. Other calls may be to verify heavy snowfall or peak wind speed associated with large winter storms.

There is no need to pre-register and the training is free of charge. We also have a link on our webpage for the training sessions at: <u>http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/skytraining.php</u>.