

**Purpose:** The StormReady Supporter application requires that representative from the StormReady Supporter applicant facility tour their local National Weather Service office at least once every three years.

**Instructions for Teacher:** When your application is nearing completion, contact the National Weather Service office (number provided below) to arrange a tour for yourself and other key personnel in the building/school system such as the principal, facilities manager, etc.

This also, depending on the time of year and your exact location in the region, can be a great opportunity for a field trip during your weather/meteorology unit for your weather-interested students. Students will get the opportunity to meet NWS forecasters and employees and see where forecasts are made, warnings are issued, and to learn about weather. This also is a great extension for (if any) students who may have taken the SkyWarn class (Element 5-1).

Also, as part of this tour, you may be asked questions about your StormReady Supporter application by the office's StormReady Board. These questions are meant to clarify things about the application to the board prior to their facility tour, for the board to strengthen your application, and for you to ask any questions that you may have.

If you are located far from the NWS Weather Forecast Office in Chanhassen (such as Albert Lea, Mankato, Alexandria, or Willmar), an online tour of the office is in the process of being developed. Call the office to learn more about this option and if it is available.

**After the Tour:** Write the date and attendees of the tour on the StormReady Supporter application. If tour was a field trip or additional students were involved, feel free to note this on the application. If you utilized the online tour, that can be denoted on the application form.

**Reminder:** This visit should be done once every three years, even if your StormReady Supporter status is not up for renewal.

