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Local Chapter Newsletter

from the AMS Local Chapter Affairs Committee

Updates

1 Summer Time Grind

At a glance, LCAC has been reviewing submissions for potential new members and submissions for the Local Chapter of the Year Award.

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2 2026 Meeting Updates

As August comes into view, more information and details about the 2026 Annual AMS Meeting will start to be posted by National and its committees.

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3 Upcoming Conferences

The 27th Conference on Satellite Meteorology, Oceanography, and Climatology (SatMetOC) is postponed.

The conference will now be held in conjunction with the 106th Annual Meeting



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Meet Our New Members

Reaghan Boone & Edward Shaw

Reaghan is a rising third-year Professional Meteorology major with an emphasis in Broadcast Meteorology at Mississippi State University. She has dreamed of being a meteorologist since she was young, after watching different types of severe weather from her home just outside of Memphis, Tennessee. She is especially passionate about improving weather communication, especially from a social media standpoint. When she is not watching the weather or studying, she enjoys reading, playing with her dog, Bunnie, and finding fun weather-themed accessories. She is excited to join LCAC to help show local chapters and local chapter members the benefits of being involved in AMS from a national standpoint.





Edward is a meteorologist at the NBC affiliate in Roanoke, VA. He formerly served as president for the Blue Ridge Chapter of the AMS, where he led them to the 2024 Local Chapter of the Year award. He has formerly done work with the NBC Weather and Climate Unit, and WRIC in Richmond, VA. He is excited to now work with the Local Chapter Affairs Committee and promote AMS Chapters everywhere!

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Oregon State Chapter

Local Chapter Highlights



The Oregon State University chapter had the opportunity to participate in the local Corvallis farmer's market, one of our most well-known community events! A cloud labeling activity was on hand, along with our portable weather station and fun weather trivia. The main goal was to talk to members of the community and answer any questions they may have. We were highly successful and encouraged by the many individuals who approached us. Pictured are James Bowers and current chapter president Tias Carney

The Oregon State University Student Chapter of the AMS brought the weather to the Astronomy and Physics Open House on 23 May, and it was a blast! This free, all-ages event was packed with interactive exhibits, live demos, live music, and a star party to close out the night. At the AMS booth, visitors got an up-close look at a working weather station, tested their skills in a cloud ID challenge (with prizes!), learned about cloud formation, and were able to ask all the weather and climate questions they wanted.



Check out OSU AMS website at blogs.oregonstate.edu/ametsociety/

Iowa State University

Local Chapter Highlights

Spring 2025 was another great semester for the Iowa State Chapter of the American Meteorological Society! Towards the end of the year, members participated in review sessions for meteorology classes or study sessions to prepare for finals. While this is a challenging time academically, we tried to plan events that could give members a break from studying as well. Two of the events were a faculty picnic and a trip to the Tulip Festival in Pella, Iowa. A picture from the tulip festival is included.





This is a busy time for AMS at Iowa State. During our March meeting we elected new cabinet members for the 2025-2026 school year. Along with that our social chair hosted our annual banquet. The second picture is of seniors at the banquet. It was a great way to celebrate the chapter's accomplishments and honor the seniors. The final task of the school year was to say goodbye to our seniors. They did so much for the chapter, and we wish them nothing but the best with their futures.

Over the summer, the cabinet has been working hard to get ready for the 2025-2026 school year. We are so excited to get back to Ames and get started with events that will help us connect with new students and catch up with friends we have not seen in a while.

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With LCAC



Nicholas Albers

Over the past couple of months, Nicholas has been helping with early beta tests on the new COD Nexlab website, which is coming soon, working on applying for a new job, and taking an online leadership course for his master's program. This year, most of his travels have been storm chasing and field studies-related, all over the plains. His photo is from when he was in New Mexico in June. His favorite part about this summer is being able to appreciate the slower pace and the opportunity to relax in the summer heat, spending time with his family, because typically his summers are filled with back-to-back events.



Shaina Wilburn

This summer, Shaina has been working at the Huntsville Botanical Garden as a camp counselor for their STEM camps and is currently part of a project to get the garden its own weather station! As for travels, she's been mainly having stay-cations but is planning an adventure to New Mexico soon. STEM camp has taught her so much about other fields of science. From Shaina, "I love weather and climate, but now I can also tell you SO MUCH about worms!" Working with kids of all ages has REALLY opened her eyes to how we, as scientists, can explain things and truly foster that childhood curiosity we all had/have. It's been so fun to witness campers when they "get" a topic, or when they're genuinely invested in the things they're learning.

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Upcoming Meetings

41st International Conference on Radar Meteorology..... 25-29 August 2025
106th Annual Meeting..... 25-29 January 2026
27th Conference on Satellite Met and Oceanography..... 25-29 January 2026**
37th Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Met..... 30 Mar. - 3 Apr. 2026
2026 AMS Madison Summit..... 3-7 August 2026

**Due to uncertainty, recent agency, science, and travel funding, the 27th SatMetOC conference has been postponed and rescheduled to take place with the 106th Annual Meeting in Houston, TX

106th Annual Meeting

Outlook on the next three months leading up to the Annual Meeting in Houston, TX.

Abstract Deadline for Annual Conference..... 14 Aug.
Short Course Announcements Published..... Aug
Hotel Reservation Sites Open..... Aug
Travel Information Posted..... Aug
Registration Rates Posted..... Aug

Abstract Deadline for Student Conference..... 18 Sep.
Town Hall Meeting and Agency Updates Acceptances Sent..... Sep

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Last Day for Early Exhibit Booth Rates..... 1 Oct.
Updated Program and Presenter Information Posted..... Oct
Abstract Acceptance Notifications Sent..... Oct
Program Published..... Oct
Registration Portal Opens..... Oct

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