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AMS Launches Free Content for Weather Enthusiasts with "Weather Band"

[Boston, MA —10 October, 2024] The American Meteorological Society (AMS) launched its AMS Weather Band as a closed community for weather enthusiasts in 2020. To further its mission of public outreach and nurturing scientific engagement, **the Society this month announced that it is re-launching Weather Band as a free resource, available to all.** Since the Weather Band began in 2020, it has been a source of engaging, informative content related to weather, water, and climate science, aimed at the general public and weather enthusiasts.

This move makes a vast collection of resources and learning material available at no cost, aligning with AMS's goal to further science education by connecting its expert members with the wider public. Over the past three years, the Weather Band has published over 400 articles, news items, story maps, and webinars with weather and climate experts.

The public can now access the full catalog, from "breaking news" webinars on Hurricanes Helene and Idalia, to conversations with storm chasers and authors, to seasonal weather reviews and community-generated notes about strange and unusual weather. New content continues to be added.

"By taking Weather Band public, we are making the expertise of our AMS members and our weather enthusiast community even more useful to you — whether you're a teacher, a student, or simply interested in the latest meteorology and climate science," says Claudia Gorski, AMS Director of Community Engagement. "We urge everyone to explore our archive, sign up for our Weather Band community newsletter, and consider what you'd like to see from us in the future!"

In addition to its webinars and other online content, the Weather Band hosts an annual weather photography competition and an annual, multi-day virtual conference ("Jamposium"). With a wide collection of fun, expert-created content on topics ranging from climate science to space weather, the Weather Band is an invaluable resource for enthusiasts, citizen scientists, and anyone curious about the weather. **View all Weather Band content here.**

About the American Meteorological Society

The American Meteorological Society advances the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services for the benefit of society. Founded in 1919, AMS has a membership of more than 12,000 professionals, students, and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes 12 atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic science journals—in print and online; sponsors more than 12 conferences annually; and offers numerous programs and services. Visit us at https://www.ametsoc.org/.

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