#### 7. **COMPUTER/INTERNET**

# 7.1. WEATHER AND CLIMATE ON THE WEB

Current weather data can be obtained on the web. Electronic media are rapidly expanding and changing, so keeping track of updates and address changes for favorite weather web sites is suggested. Since the income of many providers comes from the timeliness of the information, time

lags are introduced before data access is opened to the public. These delays may range from 15 minutes to an hour or more until the information is considered too old to be of commercial value. While this list is not exhaustive, most addresses link to related sites.

**Climate Change Climate Prediction Center** Colorado Climate Center El Niño/La Niña NOAA National Climatic Data Center National Weather Service UCAR Environmental News Network Environmental Protection Agency Climate Summaries for Cities and States Human Dimension of Climate/Meteorological Hazard www.fragilecolonies.com/mglantz National Climatic Data Center, NOAA Worldwide Weather Events of 1991-2000

AccuWeather **CNN** Weather Forecast Systems Laboratory, NOAA NCAR - UNIDATA NWS - Interactive Weather Information Network **Oklahoma Weather Roundup** Pennsylvania State University Purdue University - UNISYS Texas A & M University The Weather Underground, University of Michigan University of Wisconsin USA Today Weather Page The Weather Channel Weather Links WGN-TV, Chicago Wind Profilers

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Performance Assessment Team Hazardous Weather and Flood Guide Taking Shelter From the Storm Weather Information for Kids

NASA Education Marshall Space Flight Center Satellites - Weather Spaceflight Meteorology Group

# Climate

www.cip.ogp.noaa.gov www.cpc.noaa.gov ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu

www.elnino.noaa.gov ibis.grdl.noaa.gov/SAT/near\_rt/enso/topex\_97.html www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/analysis\_monitoring/impacts/enso.html www.esig.ucar.edu/un/index.html www.enn.com/specialreports/climate/ www.epa.gov/globalwarming/ www.cdc.noaa.gov/USclimate www.ncdc.noaa.gov/ www.ncdc.noaa.gov/ol/reports/weather-events.html

### **Current U.S. Weather**

www.accuwx.com www.cnn.com/WEATHER/index.html www.fsl.noaa.gov/docs/wthr/fsl-weather.html www.rap.ucar.edu/weather/ weather.gov/ wwwcaps.ou.edu/wx/ www.ems.psu.edu/wx/ weather.unisys.com/ www.met.tamu.edu/weather.shtml cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet/ www.ssec.wisc.edu/data/ www.usatoday.com/weather/ www.weather.com cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet/servers.html www.wgntv.com www-dd.fsl.noaa.gov/online.html

## Federal Agencies (Except NOAA)

www.fema.gov www.fema.gov/mit/bpat/ www.fema.gov/library/toc.doc www.fema.gov/saferoom/ www.fema.gov/kids

www.nasa.gov www.hq.nasa.gov/office/codef/education www1.msfc.nasa.gov/ www.hg.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/weathsat.html spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/weather/

Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Atmospheric Technology Division COMET MM5 Computer Model Photo Archive Time Time Zone Conversions Water Information – USGS Univ. Corp. for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) USGS Real-time Streamflow and Lake Level Data

All Foreign Weather Agencies (World Meteorological Organization) Australia Brazil (Portuguese) Canada Canadian Meteorological Centre Canadian Storm Chasers Environment Canada (English and French) Montréal (French) Finland France (French) Hungary (Hungarian) Indonesia Spain (Spanish) Worldwide 5-day Forecasts

 Alberta, Canada Lightning (Fire Weather)
 www.gov.

 Children's Lightning Safety
 www.gov.

 Sabrina Harwood
 www.azst

 Kids' Safety Essay
 www.strik

 Global Atmospherics, Inc.
 www.glat

 Lightning Safety Group Recommendations
 www.glat

 Lightning Strike and Electric Shock Survivors International, Inc.
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National Lightning Safety Institute Optical Transient Detector Sprites and Jets Striking Images Univ. of Illinois at Chicago - Medical/Dr. Cooper

American Meteorological Society (AMS) Blue Hill Observatory Careers in Atmospheric Science COMET COMET – Meteorological Education DataStreme - University of Wisconsin Dictionary of Science (Academic Press) GLOBE Glossary of Weather How the WeatherWorks Jobs for Meteorologists One Sky, Many Voices Project Oakfield, Wisconsin Tornado SkyMath: Making Mathematical Connections Tornadoes: Going Around in Circles trmm.gsfc.nasa.gov/ www.ncar.ucar.edu/ www.atd.ucar.edu www.comet.ucar.edu rain.mmm.ucar.edu/mm5/pages/simple.html www.dir.ucar.edu/iss/dmc/ time.gov atm.geo.nsf.gov/ieis/time.html water.usgs.gov/droplet www.ucar.edu water.usgs.gov/public/realtime.html

# Foreign Weather

www.wmo.ch www.bom.gov.au www.cbn.net.id/commerce/bmg/

www.cmc.ec.gc.ca/indexe.html www.interlog.com/~jmckay/chaser.htm www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca/index\_e.cfm www.meteo.org/ www.geo.fmi.fi www.meteo.fr www.met.hu www.cbn.net.id/commerce/bmg/ www.inm.es weather.yahoo.com

# **Lightning**

www.gov.ab.ca/env/forests/fpd/ld.html

www.azstarnet.com/~anubis/zaphome.htm www.strikingimages.com/safety.htm www.glatmos.com www.glatmos.com/lightinfo/recommendations.html ttional, Inc. www.mindspring.com/~lightningstrike www.lightningsafety.com wwwghcc.msfc.nasa.gov/otd.html elf.gi.alaska.edu www.strikingimages.com

www.uic.edu:80/~macooper/cindex.htm

# Meteorological Education Sites

www.ametsoc.org/AMS/amsedu/index.html www.bluehill.org atm.geo.nsf.gov/AMS/pubs/careers.html comet.ucar.edu meted.ucar.edu www.meteor.wisc.edu/~hopkins/ams/ www.harcourt.com/dictionary www.globe.gov www.weather.com/glossary/wx\_glossary\_a.html www.weatherworks.com bluesky.ecas.ou.edu/~sstrum/wxcomps.html groundhog.sprl.umich.edu cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/oakfield/cs1.htm www.unidata.ucar.edu/staff/blynds/Skymath.html whyfiles.news.wisc.edu/013tornado/ University of Illinois Weather and Atmosphere Curriculum The Weather World 2010 Project Weather (various exhibits) USA Today Weather Page The Weather Channel World Meteorological Organization

American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science American Geophysical Union (AGU) American Meteorological Society (AMS) Local AMS Chapters National Weather Association (NWA) Local NWA Chapters Stormtrack Magazine World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

All Meteorology Colleges and Universities in World Arizona State University Colorado State University Bill Gray's Atlantic Seasonal Hurricane Forecast Florida State University Georgia Institute of Technology Harvard University Iowa State University Jackson State University Lyndon State College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Northern Illinois University Ohio State University - Daily Severe Weather Log Oregon State University Pennsylvania State University Purdue University Saint Louis University State University of New York at Albany Texas A & M University University of Alabama at Huntsville University of Arizona University of California at Los Angeles University of Chicago University of Georgia University of Hawaii University of Illinois University of Maryland University of Miami University of Michigan University of Oklahoma University of Utah University of Washington University of Wisconsin University of Wyoming

Children's Disaster Safety Community Hurricane Preparedness Coping With Floods Disaster Recovery FEMA (see also subjects under Federal) athena.wednet.edu/curric/index.html ww2010.atmos.uiuc.edu www.learner.org/exhibits/weather www.usatoday.com/weather/ www.weather.com/education/index.html www.wmo.ch/web/etr/etrp98.html

## Meteorological and Science Organizations

www.aaas.org www.agu.org www.ametsoc.org/AMS/ www.ametsoc.org/AMS/amschaps/index.html www.nwas.org www.nwas.org/chapters.html www.storm-track.com/ www.wmo.ch

# Meteorology at U.S. Universities

www.ugems.psu.edu/~owens/WWW\_Virtual\_Library/metschool.html saguaro.la.asu.edu/geography www.cira.colostate.edu typhoon.atmos.colostate.edu/forecasts/ www.met.fsu.edu www.eas.gatech.edu/eas.html www-as.harvard.edu www.public.iastate.edu/~wxintro/atmos.html santa.jsums.edu apollo.lsc.vsc.edu www-eaps.mit.edu taiga.geog.niu.edu/main.html asp1.sbs.ohio-state.edu/text/wxascii/sels/WWUS60.KMKC www.orst.edu:80/mc/coldep/oceatm/atmsci.htm www.met.psu.edu wxp.eas.purdue.edu www.eas.slu.edu/index.html www.atmos.albanv.edu www.met.tamu.edu www.gi.alaska.edu www.atmo.arizona.edu www.atmos.ucla.edu geosci.uchicago.edu cacimbo.ggy.uga.edu lumahai.soest.hawaii.edu atmos.uiuc.edu www.metolab3.umd.edu/meteorology.html www.rsmas.miami.edu/msc/index.html aoss.engin.umich.edu rossby.metr.ou.edu/~som www.met.utah.edu www.atmos.washington.edu www.meteor.wisc.edu www-das.uwyo.edu

# Natural Hazards

www.redcross.org/disaster/masters meted.ucar.edu/hurrican/chp/index.htm www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/flood/home.htm www.binomial.com www.fema.gov/mit/ Natural Hazards Center - Univ. of Colorado Natural Hazards Centre - Australia Project Safeside www.colorado.edu/hazards www.es.mq.edu.au/NHRC/ www.weather.com/safeside

### **NOAA-By Organization**

NOAA Research Labs Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Lab. www.aoml.noaa.gov Environmental Technology Laboratory Forecast Systems Laboratory Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab. National Severe Storms Laboratory Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory Space Environment Laboratory National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service National Climatic Data Center National Weather Service Alaska Region **Central Region Climate Prediction Center** Eastern Region Forecast Offices' Internet Addresses National Operational Hydrologic Research Ctr. Southern Region Storm Prediction Center **Tropical Prediction Center** Western Region NOAA Publications of the National Weather Service

Current Weather Data – Official Archive Fire Weather Jobs – NOAA (incl. student) Jobs – Student

History of the NWS

Hurricane – Frequently Asked Questions Hurricane Information Lightning, Severe Weather (and Wildfire) Modernization Natural Hazard Statistics - Summary NOAA Weather Radio NWS Publications - Listing Outreach – NWS Owlie Skywarn Weather Book for Kids Overpasses Are Not Tornado Shelters Publications of NWS - Listing Radar Sites - University of Oklahoma Satellites – Weather Severe Weather Sites

StormReady Thunderstorm Awareness www.etl.noaa.gov www.fsl.noaa.gov www.glerl.noaa.gov www.nssl.noaa.gov www.pmel.noaa.gov www.sel.noaa.gov/today.html www.ncdc.noaa.gov www.nws.noaa.gov www.alaska.net/~nwsar www.crh.noaa.gov nic.fb4.noaa.gov www.rdc.noaa.gov/~ohb/W/WN0000.html www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrhg/nwspage.html www.nohrsc.nws.gov www.srh.noaa.gov/wfo/html/srwfo.html www.spc.noaa.gov www.nhc.noaa.gov www.wrh.noaa.gov www.noaa.gov www.nws.noaa.gov/om/nwspub.htm

### NOAA-By Subject

weather.gov www.ncdc.noaa.gov www.spc.noaa.gov/fire/ www.rdc.noaa.gov/~hrmo/jobs.htm ohrm.doc.gov/jobs/ www.rdc.noaa.gov/~hrmo/jobs.htm www.usajobs.opm.gov/b4.htm www.nws.noaa.gov/pa/special/history/ www.nws.noaa.gov/er/mhx/historyg.htm yoopr.wrlx.noaa.gov/er/rlx/museum/museum.html 205.156.54.206/er/gyx/timeline.html www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfag/tcfagHED.html www.nhc.noaa.gov www.nwstc.noaa.gov/d.HMD/Lightning/Ltng\_home.htm www.nws.noaa.gov/modernize www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hazstat.htm www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/index.html www.nws.noaa.gov/nwspub.html www.nws.noaa.gov/om/reachout/ www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx/owlie/owlie.htm www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/papers/overpass.html www.nws.noaa.gov/nwspub.html wwwcaps.ou.edu/~kbrews/88D.html 140.90.207.25:8080/EBB/ml/education.html www.spc.noaa.gov www.nws.noaa.gov/om/svrawar/svrwx.htm www.nssl.noaa.gov www.nssl.noaa.gov/hazard/ www.nws.noaa.gov/stormready/ www.nws.noaa.gov/om/svrawar.htm

Weather Radio-NOAA Winter Weather Awareness

Colorado State University

Sea Surface Temperatures

Tommy's Weathercam List

Fermi Laboratories

Snow and Avalanches

**Topographic Maps** 

The Tornado Project

Weatherwise Magazine

Today's Space Weather

Auroras

Others www.geo.mtu.edu/weather/aurora/ Bermuda Biological Station for Research www.bbsr.edu/~norm/whatsup.gif **Downbursts and Microbursts Downbursts** www-frd.fsl.noaa.gov/mab/microburst/ Microburst Handbook www.nssl.noaa.gov/~doswell/microbursts/Handbook.html Great Lakes Temperatures www.glerl.noaa.gov/cw/cwdata/lct/glsea.gif Jarrrel, Texas Tornado Photos www.pulse.net/storm/Jarrell.htm Satellite Data

> www.cira.colostate.edu/ramm/rmsdsol/main.html www.fnoc.navy.mil www.rsmas.miami.edu/images.html www.csac.org www.sel.noaa.gov/today.html www.rt66.com/~ozone/cam.htm

fermi.jhuapl.edu/states/states.html www.tornadoproject.com www.weatherwise.org

www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/index.html

www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/

# 7.2. DATA SETS ON ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Naval Meteorology & Oceanography Command

Large amounts of weather and climate data can be stored on DC-ROM disks. For example, one CD-ROM produced by the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) holds climate data for over 6000 stations, which is equivalent to 250,000 pages of printed text. Graphics packages and the driving software are included with some disks. Data exports are available so that the user can export the data from the disk to produce individual usable files on diskettes. Articles describing meteorological data storage are the following:

- Mass, C.F., H.J. Edmon, H.J. Friedman, N.R. Cheney, and E.E. Recker, 1987: The use of compact discs for the storage of large meteorological and oceanographic datasets. Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, **68**, 1556-1558.
- Mass, C.F., 1993: The application of compact discs (CD-ROM) to the atmospheric sciences and related fields: An update. Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, 68, 1556-1558.
- Ross, T.F, 1994: NCDC's CD-ROM products and on-line services. Preprints of the Third Symposium on Education, Nashville, TN, American Meteorological Society, Boston, J1-J4.
- Towheed, S.S., 1993: NASA space and earth science data on CD-ROM. NSSDC WDC-A-R&S 93-01, National Space Science Data Center, Greenbelt, MD, 29 pp.

# Government CD-ROMs

•Climate Data from National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) NCDC Climate Services Branch, Federal Building, 151 Patton Avenue, Asheville NC 28801-5001. Phone: (704) 271-4800 Email: orders@ncdc.noaa.gov

Web: www.ncdc.noaa.gov •International Station Meteorological Climate Summary Contains climatic data for 640 and 5800 secondary stations worldwide. Version 2.0 issued in June 1992. •Marine Climatic Atlas of the World

Contains global historical marine data. Included are air and sea temperature, wind speed, sea-level pressure, wave height, gale winds, superstructure icing, and wind/current roses.

### National Climate Information Disk

Version 1.0 contains monthly temperature, precipitation, and Palmer drought index data for the 344 climatological divisions of the U.S. covering 1895-1989.

### Geophysical Data

Data base containing worldwide marine geophysical data are available from:

National Geophysical Data Center, 3253 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303.

Phone: (303) 497-6338

### •Joint Education Initiative

A set of three CD-ROMs for DOS or Macintosh for \$35 contains lessons, developed by teachers on a range of subjects, including the "Geophysics of North America."

Bill Johnson, 3433 A.V. Williams Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. Phone: (301) 405-2324

### Snowcover Data

CD-ROMs containing airborne and satellite snow data for portions of the U.S. and southern Canada for 1990 and 1991 are at:

National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center, Office of Hydrology, National Weather Service, 6301 34th Avenue South, Room 112, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2985. Phone: (612) 725-3258

# **Commercial CD-ROMs**

- •CLEARVUE/eav
  - -*The El Niño*, \$35.00
  - -Everything Weather, \$70.00
  - -Learning About Weather & Climate, \$75.00
  - -Sky Works, \$40.00.
  - -Team Xtreme: Operation Weather Disasters, \$55.00
  - -Understanding Weather & Climate, \$60.00
  - -Weather: Air In Action, \$50.00.
  - -Weather Science Explorer, \$60.00.
  - -The World's Weather, \$90.00.

•Everything Weather

1997. Climate maps, tracking tools, dramatic videos. ISBN 6-30442210-5. \$39.99.

The Weather Channel, 300 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339. Web: www.weather.com

•Water Vapor Weather Satellite Imagery

Three volume VHS or CD-ROM of: I – El Nino 1997, II – Nor'Easters 1998, III – Hurricanes 1998. \$19.95 each or Space/Earth Science Technologies

# 7.3. INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE

Selected updated address lists of software suppliers is in the annual *Science Education Suppliers Supplement* to *The Science Teacher* and other publications of the NSTA.

- National Science Teachers Association, 1742 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20209-1171.
- •Any Weather

1998. RCA Records, ISBN 6-305172331. \$16.98.

•Climate and Weather/Our Town Data Base

Grades 4-12. Sunburst Communications, 101 Castleton Street, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

•Discovery Works Weather and Climate 1997. SIM Publishing, ISBN 6-30429502-2. \$24.99.

### •Earth Science

Videodisk, \$395.00, Grades 4 to 12. Optical Data, 30 Technology Drive, Warren, NJ 07060.

### •Everything Weather

1997. Climate maps, tracking tools, dramatic videos. ISBN 6-30442210-5. \$39.99.

The Weather Channel, 300 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339.

Web: www.weather.com

•Five Star Forecast

Disk, manual, and workbook, \$59. Part of MECC's Science Inquiry Collection including 'Weather maker' and 'Forecaster.'

68 North Shore Drive Seaford, DE 19973

•Weather and Climate

Interactive CD-ROM for grades 5-9. Includes teacher's guide. Mac and Windows compatible. \$49.95 (or 5 for \$199.95) Discovery Channel School.

Phone: 1-888-892-3484

Web: Click on "school" at discovery.com

•World climate

Global climatic change data.

Chadwyck-Healey, Inc., 1101 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (800) 752-0515

(703) 683-4890

## •World climate

Climatic data for 2000 stations worldwide for \$295.

WeatherDisc Associates, Inc., 4584 N.E. 89th, Seattle, WA 98115. Phone: (206) 524-4314

or

Dr. Cliff Mass, Dept. of Atmospheric Science (AK40), University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Phone: (206) 685-0910

MECC-Minnesota Education Computing Corporation, 3490 Lexington, Avenue North, St. Paul, MN 55126.

•Forecasting the Weather

Double-sided disk, backup, worksheets, and manual, \$59.95, Grades 6 to 9.

MCE Division of Lawrence Productions, MCE, Inc., P.O. Box 458, Galesburg, MI 49053.

Inclement Weather

1998. World Domination Records, ISBN 6-305044708. \$15.98.

•More Weather

1998, ISBN 6-304794851. \$17.98.

### •Weather

1997. Two disks, backup, manual, \$49.95, Grades 3 - 8. -Forecasting the weather.

- -Temperature, humidity, air pressure, and wind.
- -The weather station.

Orange Cherry, Box 390, Pound Ridge, NJ 10576-0390.

The Weather

1997. Book and CD-ROM. Smithmark Publishing, ISBN 0-76519109-1. \$14.98.

•Weather

1998. World Book Multimedia, ISBN 0-716672367. \$14.95. •Weather: A View From Space, Vol. 1: El Nino 1997

1999. Space/Earth Science Technologies, www.sest.com, \$19.95

•Weather Academy

Two disks, backup, student workbook and manual, and additional materials, \$99, Grades 5 to 8.

Focus Media, 839 Stewart Ave., Garden City, NY 11530.

•Weather In Action

Two disks, backup, and manual, \$395.00, Grades 4 to 9. National Geographic Society, Educational Services, 17th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (800) 368-2728

•The Weather Tracker's Kit: Explore the Changing Forces of Nature 1995. Book and CD-ROM. Running Press, ISBN 1-56138641-3. \$29.95.