

# SkyWarn

## Weather Spotter Training 2026

Gratiot County SkyWarn weather spotter training is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Alma College. The training will be given in the Swanson Academic Center, Lecture Hall 113, and will last about 2 hours.

Presented by the National Weather Service (NWS), SkyWarn training is intended to recruit and prepare weather spotters so they can make informed reports to their regional NWS Forecast Office. For us, this is the NWS Grand Rapids Office.

NWS radar shows how storms develop and move, but the radar beam from Grand Rapids is 4 000 feet high when it reaches Alma. It therefore sees nothing below that altitude. Spotters supply the NWS with essential ground truth.

Alma College is located on West Superior Street, just west of downtown Alma. Park in the lot indicated on the map, but note the restricted spot signs. If the lot is full, on-street parking and other parking lots should be available.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Andy Singer at [singera@alma.edu](mailto:singera@alma.edu)

