

## A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Weather Obsession

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21<sup>st</sup> century advancements in digital technology, especially the Internet, have been a boon to the amateur weather forecaster. I have learned a lot about forecasting by using software programs and websites such as NOAA/NWS, WeatherTAP.com, Accuweather Professional, College of DuPage NextLab, and other resources like online weather schools. As computer forecast models continue to develop more precise capabilities, especially in the convective field, weather forecasting—at any age—will be a finer, more accurate, and lifesaving hobby or profession. Drew will present one of his video forecasts and explain how he obtains data to compile his amateur weather forecasts.

### **PRESENTER'S BIO**

Drew is a sixth grade student at the Wayland Middle School. He's had a passion for weather all of his life, especially after the blizzard of '05 and witnessing Tropical Storm Fay ripping apart northern Florida right in front of his eyes. He loves all aspects of weather from a sunny day to a downburst; however, short range forecasting, storm tracking and, above all, storm chasing, is what he loves most. Drew maintains [stormtopia.com](http://stormtopia.com) along with a gang of weather fanatics who attempt to forecast for the lower 48 States and provide special interest weather stories to the amateur forecast community.