



Wisconsin Weather Stories



This Project...

- ❖ Teams five Wisconsin K-12 teachers with Madison folklorists and meteorologists to develop curricula on the science and stories of weather.
- ❖ Contains locally collected weather stories, sayings and occupational lore matched with meteorological data.





- ❖ The curricula in Wisconsin Weather Stories meets state academic standards in Science, English Language Arts, and Social Studies
- ❖ The curriculum is posted on the web for free use by the public





Funding and Partners

- ❖ Funded by...
 - ◆ The Ira and Ineva Reilly Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment
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 - ◆ The Wisconsin Arts Board
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Participating Teachers

Teachers conducted local collecting projects & reviewed and developed curricula.



Russ Bailey – Northwestern Middle School, Poplar

Teyulelu Cornelius – Oneida Nation School, Oneida

Mary Kornely –
Denmark Elementary
Denmark

Karyl Rosenberg – Nicolet High School, Glendale

Mary Jo Fuhry –
Indian Community School
Milwaukee





Participating Students & Researchers

The Madison team includes UW-Madison undergraduate students who gain experience in working with K-12 teachers, developing K-12 curricula, communicating their disciplinary knowledge with specialists from other fields, and learning more about Wisconsin.

- ◆ Folklore students: Louie Holwerk, Claire Schmidt & Jamie Yuenger
- ◆ Meteorology students: Holly DeRose & Kris Karnauskas
- ◆ Folklorists: James Leary, UW-Madison & Anne Pryor, Wisconsin Arts Board
- ◆ Meteorologists: Steven Ackerman, CIMSS & Margaret Mooney, CIMSS





Narrative Categories

The project focuses on three story categories:

- ❖ Weather Stories -
 - ◆ The “Ice Bowl” of 1967
 - ◆ Armistice Day Storm of 1940
 - ◆ The Peshtigo Fire of 1871
 - ◆ A May Grass Fire
 - ◆ Collected & Composed Stories by Wisconsin Students
- ❖ Weather Sayings
 - ◆ *“Wind from the West, fish bite the best...”*
- ❖ Weather Workers
 - ◆ How UW-Madison scientists developed weather satellites
 - ◆ The occupational lore of professional meteorologists



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Weather Narratives

- ❖ Each story and saying highlights traditional life in Wisconsin and illustrates weather and climate principles

? What are the weather stories and sayings in your part of Wisconsin? Who tells them? In what kinds of circumstances? What do they reveal about the culture of our state?



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