



NWS Raleigh and NCSU AMS Student Chapter Host a Boy Scout Merit Badge

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Meteorologists from the National Weather Service in Raleigh, NC along with members and the AMS Student Chapter at NC State hosted a group of 35 Boy Scouts and parents from the Occaneechee Council on Saturday, April 6th, 2019. These scouts participated in the [11th annual NCSU Merit Badge College event](#), a day-long Merit Badge certification hosted on NC State's campus. The Weather Merit Badge portion of the event culminated in a tour of the National Weather Service Office, co-located with the University on its Centennial Campus.



Pictures:

- (A) Scouts in the operations area learning about the forecast products and process.
- (B) Students getting hands-on experience with weather tools and experiments.
- (C) Scouts receiving a briefing about what the NWS does and how they compete their mission.

While at the office, the students were able to participate in hands-on weather experiments showcased by NWS Student Intern Anthony Charlonis, as well as learn about which weather conditions are suitable for outdoor and indoor activities. They were also briefed on National Weather Service products and services by NWS Meteorologist Chrissy Cockrell, and shown many of the tools available to operational forecasters. After a round of questions, the students returned to the academic side of campus where they were presented with the [Weather Merit Badge](#) by faculty and students associated with the NC State Meteorology Department.

