Online SKYWARN® Spotter Training from the COMET® Program

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Online Spotter Training:

- More Cost-effective
- Easier Accessibility
- Baseline for Entire Country

Private Sector

SKYWARN Spotter Training Course

Role of the SKYWARN® Spotter

http://www.meted.ucar.edu/spotter_training/spotter_role

ACES

- Awareness
- Communication
- Escape Routes
- Safe Zones

7 Key Components of a Spotter Report

a)Your name
b) Location of spotter
c) Location of hazardous weather
d) Type of hazardous weather
e) Time of hazardous weather
f) Duration of hazardous weather
g) Contact information

SKYWARN® Spotter Convective Basics

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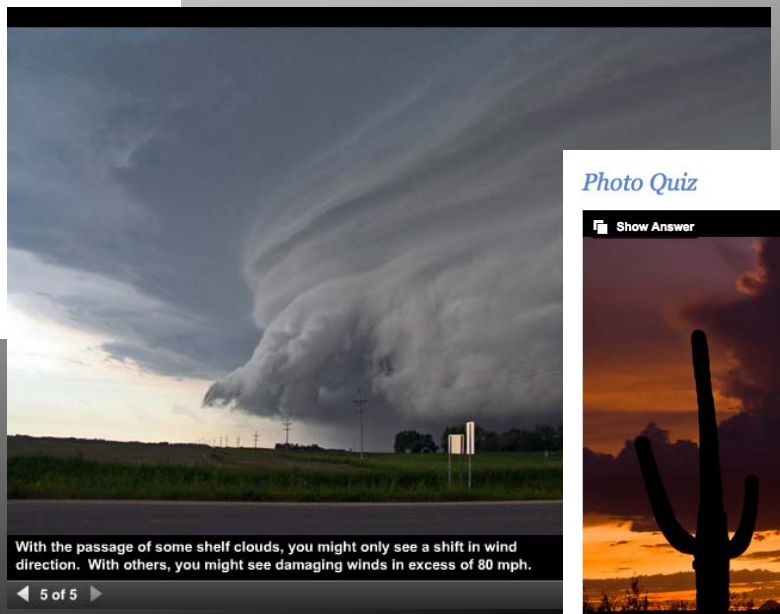
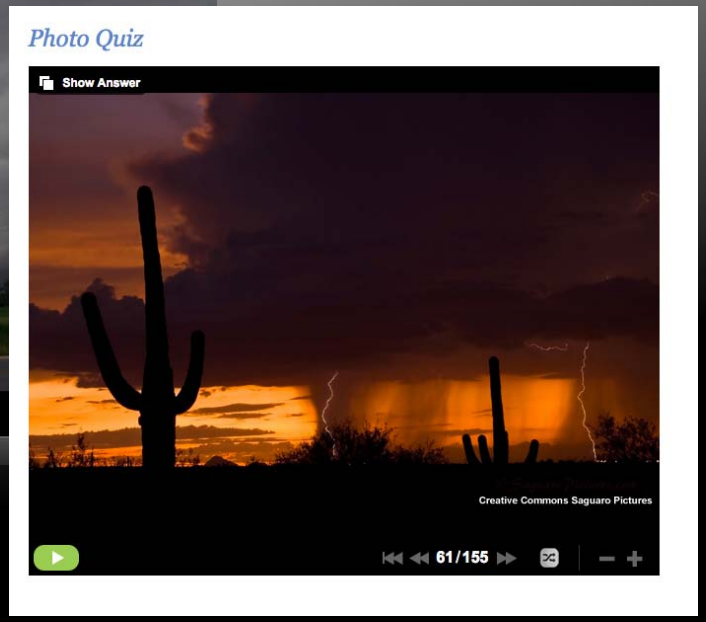
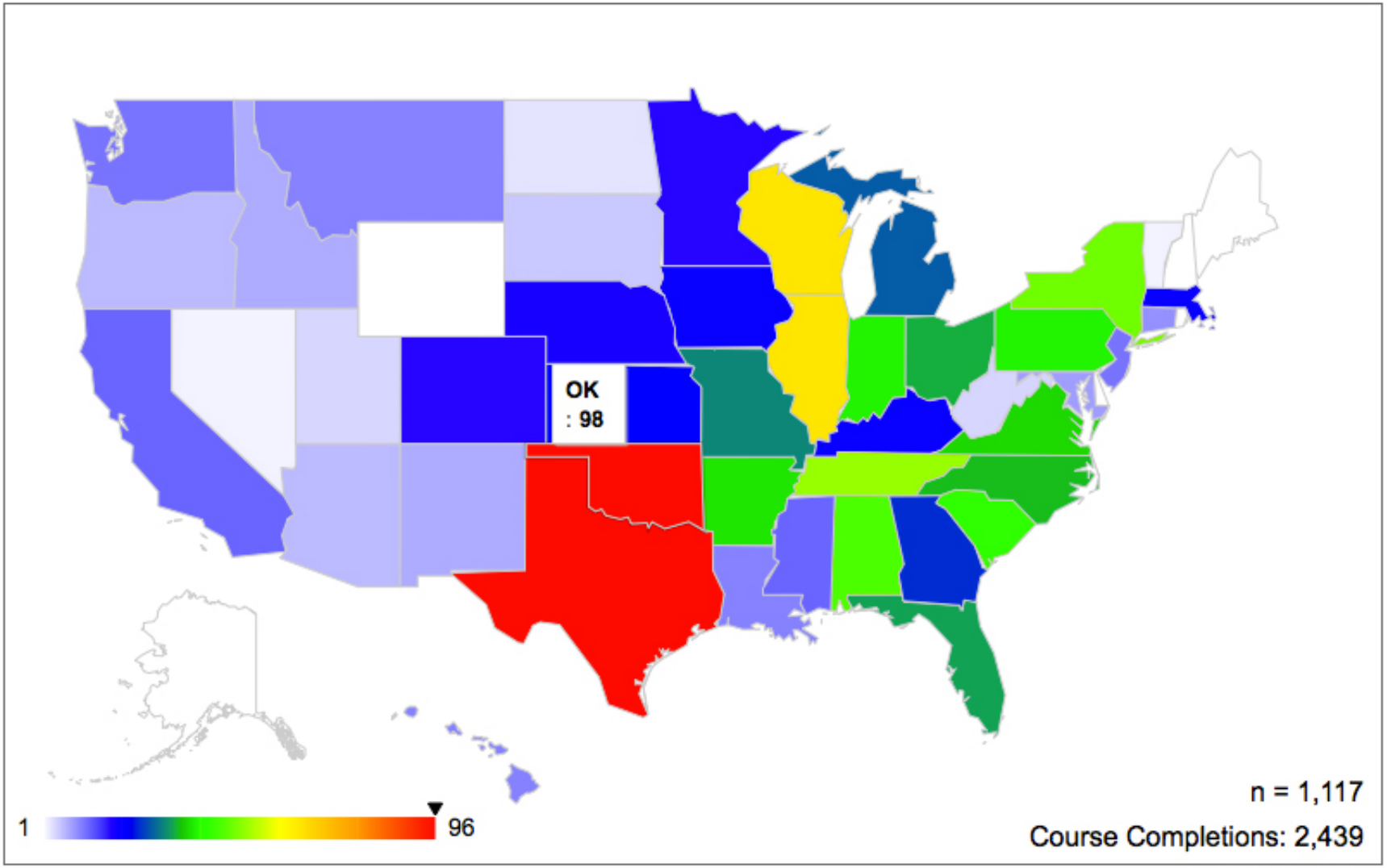




COMET-trained Spotters Wanting to Volunteer with NWS by State



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"I served as a volunteer with a local ESDA unit for over 10 years, was an EMT, police officer and county coroner. I now serve as a newspaper journalist and as news director for a radio station... I wanted to enhance my knowledge ... so I can better report to the radio listener and help my local communities."

"I am a permanent caregiver for my mom and couldn't get to the training classes. This online course allowed me to get SKYWARN Spotter Training when I wasn't able to get the training through normal means."

"This should be taught as a course in school. Weather affects EVERYone and the basics of spotting weather should be a primary concern."

To see all of the COMET Program's training, go to:

- MetEd

To enroll in the online course, go to:

- SKYWARN Spotter Training Course

Modules included in the course:

- Role of the SKYWARN Spotter
- SKYWARN Spotter Convective Basics
  - Photo Quiz

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Thank You

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