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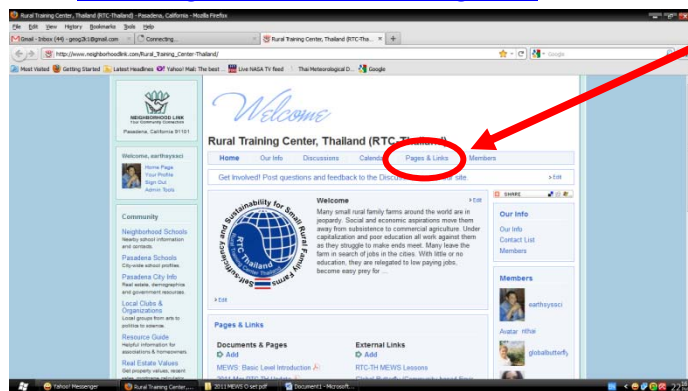
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Mobile Emergency Weather Station (MEWS) Lesson Directory		
The MEWS directory lists the MEWS lessons in the suggested sequence. Instructions to access the lessons is found at the end of this paper. Some of the files are large. So please be patient as the download time may vary depending on the speed of your connection.		
MEWS Orientation Presentations		
OA	MEWS Introduction	Overview of MEWS
OB	Observer orientation	Orientation for MEWS observers
OC	Log Form orientation	Step-by-step orientation of the MEWS Log Form
Basic MEWS Lessons		
MEWS Basic Level Introduction		
B1	Measuring Temperature	Temperature measurement (in the shade) of the local area Required Equipment: thermometer Optional Equipment: Umbrella, long measuring tape, short measuring tape, ruler
B2	Estimating Wind Speed	Systematic environmental observation of wind effects in the local area. Required Equipment: Modified Beaufort Wind Chart (in Handbook) Optional Equipment: Flag, long measuring tape, short measuring tape, ruler
B3	Measuring Wind Direction	Systematic measurement of wind azimuth in the local area. Required: Magnetic compass Optional Equipment: Flag, long measuring tape, short measuring tape, ruler
B4	Estimating Cloud Cover	Systematic observation of sky conditions over the local area. Required Equipment: Cloud Cover chart / terms (in Handbook) Optional Equipment
B5	Estimating Cloud Base Height	Systematic observation of clouds relative to the height of a local mountain or estimated based on cloud type. Required Equipment: Local topographic map (get online or purchase); Cloud ID chart (in Handbook) Optional Equipment: Binoculars
B6	Identifying Cloud Types	Systematic observation and identification of clouds in the local area. Required Equipment: Cloud ID chart (in Handbook) Optional Equipment: Binoculars
B7	Estimating Visual Range	Systematic observation of key local landscape features / landmarks relative to operating position or helicopter Landing Zone Required Equipment: Local topographic map (get online or purchase), ruler Optional Equipment: Binoculars
B8	Severe Weather Conditions	Systematic observation of local area storms Required Equipment: Instructions on "Flash to Boom" (on MEWS Log and in Handbook) Optional Equipment: Binoculars

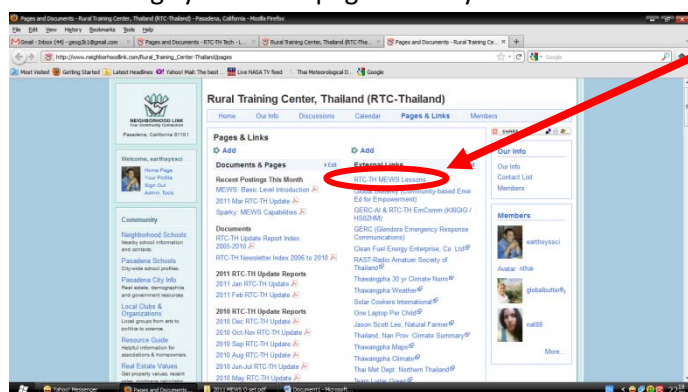
Advanced MEWS Lessons		
MEWS Advanced Level Introduction		
A1	Relative Humidity and Heat Stress	<p>Systematic measurement / calculation of relative humidity in the local area.</p> <p>Required Equipment: Hygrometer (buy or instructions to make your own); psychrometric table and Heat Stress Index table (in Handbook)</p> <p>Optional Equipment: calculator, long measuring tape, short measuring tape, ruler; buy a digital thermometer with RH function or buy a hygrometer or digital weather station.</p>
A2	Wind Speed and Wind-chill	<p>Systematic measurement of wind speed and calculation of Wind-chill in the local area.</p> <p>Required Equipment: wind speed gauge/meter (by or instructions to make your own); Wind-chill table (in Handbook)</p> <p>Optional Equipment: long measuring tape, short measuring tape, ruler; buy digital anemometer with wind-chill function or digital weather station</p>
A3	Dew Point and Cloud Base Height	<p>Determining Dew Point Temperature and calculating the height of the cloud base in the local area</p> <p>Required Equipment: Dew Point table (in Handbook);</p> <p>Optional Equipment: calculator; buy a digital thermometer with Heat Stress function or a digital weather station.</p>
A4	Rainfall	<p>Systematic measurement of rainfall (in 24 hour period) in the local area.</p> <p>Required Equipment: rain gauge (buy or instructions to make your own)</p> <p>Optional Equipment: Buy a digital rain gauge or a digital weather station with a rain gauge.</p>
A5	Severe Weather	<p>Systematic observation of local area storms and use of lightning detector.</p> <p>Required Equipment: lightning detector (buy)</p> <p>Optional Equipment: Digital weather station.</p>
A6	Weather Forecasting	<p>Systematic observation of changes in cloud types, atmospheric pressure, and wind direction.</p> <p>Required Equipment: Cloud ID chart (in Handbook), barometer or barometric altimeter, magnetic compass.</p>

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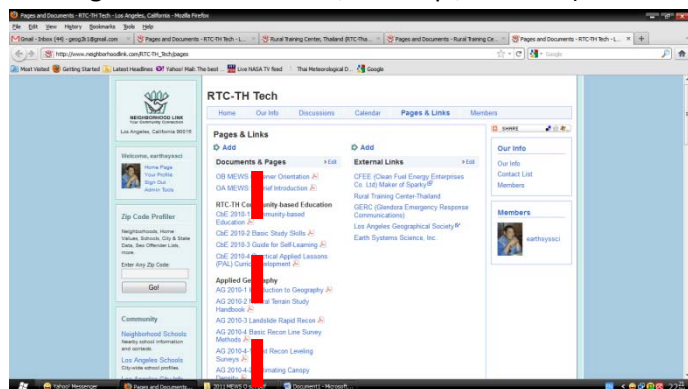
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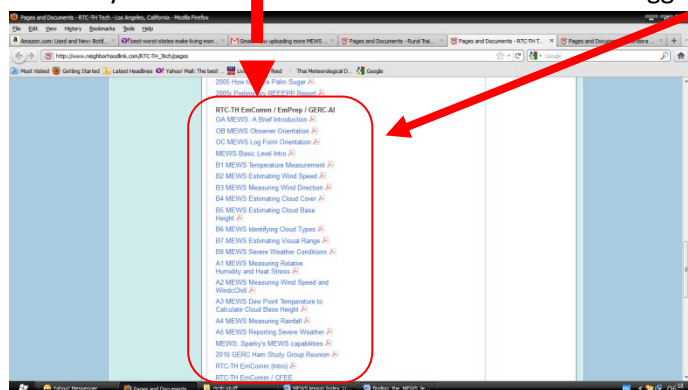
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Advanced MEWS PDF Lessons



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Some show how to build your own weather equipment