

Photo courtesy of Brian Potter.



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Meet an Atmospheric Scientist!

Dr. Brian Potter is an atmospheric scientist. He asks questions about the impact of weather on wildfires and how wildfires may affect the weather.

Word Game

Unscramble the letters to discover the word.

(Hint: Each word was used in the “Meet a Scientist” section above.)

TWEREHA _____

LIDSWERFI _____

PACMTI _____

TSICETINS _____

OHETACMSIPR _____

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An atmospheric scientist studies how air behaves and how that behavior affects the different types of weather we experience on Earth.



Be an Atmospheric Scientist...

Go outside and describe the current weather using your senses. If the weather is keeping you inside, look out the window and use your imagination.

			

What percent of the sky (out of 100 percent) is covered in clouds? _____

Cloud shape can tell us a lot about the weather conditions. Sketch the shape of the clouds you see.

Like Atmospheric Science? Do More!

Imagine you are on television as a weather expert. Use the information you gathered above to create a weather report. Announce your report to your friends and family. Make sure to include air temperature, rainfall, and safety information.

Tweet your weather report!

Use Twitter to tweet @naturalinquirer about your weather report.



Outdoor Tip:

Weather changes throughout the day. Make sure to check for hazardous weather before you begin outdoor activities each day and plan accordingly.

