



Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricanes have left an imprint on our shoreline and communities many times and some of us have firsthand experience with it! It is important to know how to prepare for this kind of weather emergency.

Complete this patch program to gain a better understanding of Louisiana's hurricane history, learn how to be better prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms, and earn your GSLPG Hurricane Preparedness Fun Patch!

DISCOVER:

- What is the difference between a hurricane and a tropical storm? What about a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning?
- What causes a hurricane and when is hurricane season?
- How is a hurricane categorized? What are the categories and their wind speeds?
- What is a storm surge?

CONNECT:

- Name four major hurricanes that impacted Louisiana after 1900. What areas did these hurricanes impact most?
- How does the National Weather Service choose the name of a hurricane? What names are on this year's list?
- What does FEMA stand for and what are their duties?
- List several ways your family, friends, and neighbors can help secure and protect property while preparing for a storm.

TAKE ACTION:

🌿 Create a plan to shelter in place.

- Describe two different situations where staying put and creating a barrier between you and the outside would be a matter of survival.
- Describe an area in your home that you could seal off and the process and materials you would use to seal off the area.
- How would you evaluate the outside situation after you have sealed the room?
- Create an emergency preparedness kit for you and your family.

🌿 Create an evacuation plan.

- Describe a situation where evacuation would be your best choice.
- Find out how you would be alerted to evacuate an area.
- Create an family communication plan. Include a list of everyone you may need to check in with during a hurricane with their names and phone numbers.
- Find out what an Emergency Go-Kit should include. Make one for your family.
- Find out what a Pet Go-Kit should include.

RESOURCES

- **Ready.gov** [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)
- **FEMA** [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)
- **NHC/NOAA** [noaa.gov](https://www.noaa.gov)

