

Supercourse Newsletter,
Hurricanes and Disasters
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Dear Friends,

During the past week we have been very busy. We first networked about 40 leading academic meteorologists right after the Hurricane Katrina hammered New Orleans. With these meteorologists, Ali Aladran from Iran built an outstanding scholarly, hurricane lecture designed to address the simple question "What is a hurricane". Eugene Shubnikov from Siberia expertly put these on the web.

You can find the lecture at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec20371/index.htm>

We would appreciate if you would use the hurricane lecture in your teaching, and also distribute this to all educators. We want students to learn about hurricanes from the best possible scholarly lectures.

Television now is one of the only sources of information about hurricanes and other disasters. This is the approach of TV, it is not our approach.

"Fallen-tree video is absolutely essential to hurricane broadcasts. The most sought-after footage is, in order of ratings: 1. Big tree on strip mall. 2. Big tree on house. 3. Big tree on car. 4. Small tree on car. 5. Assorted shrubbery on car." Hiaasen (CBS news)

The Supercourse goal is different, with you we want to develop the best possible scholarly knowledge about hurricanes and then get them into the classrooms of the world.

Please distribute the lecture to increase knowledge of hurricanes in your children's classroom, and the classrooms of all students world wide..

Sincerely yours:

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