

Storm Chasers (Ed Stanley)

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DARK SKIES AHEAD

Giant clouds move across the sky—not big, white clouds, but black thunderheads. The air grows thick. Thunder rumbles and lightning strikes in the distance. A musty smell fills the still air. The sky turns green as sirens begin to blare a tornado warning. A scientist and his team scramble into their cars. Unlike most people, they want to get as close as they safely can to watch the oncoming storm. They are storm chasers.

WHAT ARE STORM CHASERS?

Storm chasers are people who want to know more about severe storms. They spend days tracking storm systems. They try to predict where and when storms might form. They may travel alone or in teams. Some storm chasers are photographers, others are researchers, and a few are pilots. Each group has its own reason for chasing storms.

Halting

Careful

Confident

Fluent

Expressive