

Website Blueprint

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Location: San Francisco, California, USA

Business Type: Nonprofit Community Weather Data & Atmospheric Science Hub

Target Audience: Global weather hobbyists, amateur meteorologists, science enthusiasts, educators, and community members interested in real-time weather data and atmospheric science. Demographics include adults aged 18-65+, with a passion for meteorology, environmental awareness, and scientific learning. Psychographics: curious, community-oriented, data-driven, and engaged in collaborative knowledge sharing.

Executive Summary

SFO CommCenter is a nonprofit hub in San Francisco focused on sharing real-time weather data, Doppler radar imagery, and trusted atmospheric science resources with a global community. Unlike most weather services, SFO CommCenter is community-driven and prioritizes public access to reliable, research-focused content, standing out by openly sharing its own data and linking to other reputable weather sites without competing for profit. With unique perspectives from a lifelong weather enthusiast and connections to both local and national resources, SFO CommCenter builds a collaborative space for weather hobbyists and learners worldwide.

Primary Goals

- Contribute to atmospheric science through real-time weather data collection and sharing
- Enhance community awareness and education about weather patterns and climate
- Provide accessible, reliable weather information and resources to a worldwide audience

Brand Values

- Scientific integrity
- Community collaboration
- Transparency in data sharing

Competitive Advantages

- Independent, non-commercial approach focused on sharing rather than competing
- Unique integration of live hi-resolution network camera above downtown San Francisco
- Comprehensive coverage of regional Doppler radar stations and real-time data

Visual Identity

Color Palette

Color Type	Color Swatch	Hex Value
Primary		#3564A6
Secondary		#B0BEC5
Accent		#FABF2F

Rationale: The main blue color represents trust, knowledge, and the sky—perfect for a weather science site. The soft gray adds a sense of calm and professionalism, making content easy to view. A bright yellow is used for highlights and buttons, reflecting sunshine and drawing attention to important areas, which fits the weather theme and keeps things friendly.

Typography

Heading Font: Montserrat

Body Font: Open Sans

Google Fonts Url: <https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Montserrat:700,400&family;=Open+Sans:400,600&display;=swap>

Imagery Style

Use real weather photos from the San Francisco area, live radar screenshots, and friendly pictures of the community. Favor clear, bright images that show weather events, scientific tools, and engaged people. Mix in some atmospheric photos (like clouds, rain, or sunrises) with easy-to-understand data visuals.

Overall Aesthetic

The site should feel trusted, open, and inviting—with a science-focused but friendly look. Avoid clutter. Use lots of space around content and buttons to keep things clean. Make it easy for people to find weather information and engage with community resources.

Theme Style

Community-driven science. Mix a sense of local San Francisco weather culture with clear, honest visuals. The site should highlight the nonprofit and open knowledge-sharing mission by feeling accessible, collaborative, and friendly.

Layout Approach

Use a simple, mobile-friendly design. Main menu easy to find at the top. Show weather highlights and newest data first, with large, clear news or update sections. Make sure buttons stand out for live cameras, weather links, and radar images. Spread content out with enough space so it's easy for all ages to read. Place the contact email where it's easy to find on every page.

Regional Recommended

- Include photos that show San Francisco's unique weather and scenery.
- Use local terms or fun phrases that make the site feel like it's part of the Bay Area community (like Bay Area, fog, or Golden Gate).

Regional Avoid

- Avoid overly dark or stormy visuals that can feel negative.
- Stay away from colorful patterns or flashy designs that distract from weather data.
- Do not use technical weather maps without simple explanations.

Requirements & Features

Homepage Clarity

Description: Make it clear what the site offers as soon as people land on the homepage. Feature a friendly welcome and explain that the site provides real-time weather data, radar images, and links to trusted resources.

Validation: Visitors can easily tell what the website is about within a few seconds.

Contact Form

Description: Add a simple contact form or clear email link so visitors can easily reach out with questions or feedback.

Validation: Contact form or working email link is easy to find and use.

Weather Data Display

Description: Show real-time weather data in a way that is easy for anyone to understand. Use clear charts, images, and simple explanations.

Validation: Weather data can be easily read and understood by visitors of all backgrounds.

Resource Links Page

Description: Create a page with links to trusted weather resources, radar, and science information. Make sure all links work and are easy to click.

Validation: All resources are easy to find, links work, and page is updated regularly.

About Us Page

Description: Include a personal story about the founder and why the site exists. Add a photo for a friendly touch.

Validation: Visitors can learn about the founder and see a friendly image.

Placeholder Logo

Description: Create a simple logo to give the site a recognizable look since there is no logo provided.

Validation: A basic logo appears on site pages where branding is needed.

Image Placeholders

Description: Use placeholder images, local weather photos, and uploaded files on each key page, as requested. Ensure images help visitors connect with the topic.

Validation: Images appear on each main page and match the page's topic.

Easy Navigation

Description: Arrange pages so it's easy for anyone to move around the site and find what they need. Use simple menu names.

Validation: Visitors can quickly go to any main page without confusion.

Page Structure & Recommendations

Homepage (*Landing*)

Purpose: Welcome visitors from around the world and introduce them to SFO CommCenter as a friendly, data-driven community for weather enthusiasts and atmospheric science learners.

Sections

Hero

Purpose: Grab attention with a warm welcome and explain up front what SFO CommCenter is all about.

Key Elements:

- A welcoming headline and short introduction
- Photo of the local weather setup (use 'weatherguy.jpg' as placeholder)
- Brief note about San Francisco's unique weather and the community focus

Strategy: Make visitors feel part of the weather community right away and invite them to explore live data, links, and learning opportunities.

Psychology: People are more likely to stay and explore when they instantly feel included and see content tailored to their interests.

Tone: Down-to-earth, friendly, and conversational—like a passionate weather hobbyist talking to fellow enthusiasts.

Cta Block

Purpose: Nudge visitors to take action by exploring weather data, checking out live cameras, or getting in touch.

Key Elements:

- Simple button to contact SFO CommCenter by email
- Invitations to see live weather cameras and browse links to trusted sources
- Quick link to learn more about David (site curator) and the story behind the project

Strategy: Guide visitors to the areas where they can find unique weather content or start interacting with the community.

Psychology: Clear, friendly actions make people feel empowered to explore further at their own pace.

Tone: Encouraging, inclusive, supportive, and approachable.

About Us (*About*)

Purpose: Share David's personal weather story and the background of SFO CommCenter to create trust and build connection.

Sections

About Story

Purpose: Let visitors know David's journey in the weather hobby world and why he started SFO CommCenter.

Key Elements:

- David's photo (use 'david_09.jpg' as placeholder)

- Light storytelling about weather adventures in different regions
- Personal invite for visitors to email and connect

Strategy: Make site personal so visitors feel comfortable reaching out or getting involved.

Psychology: Real stories make nonprofit sites trustable and motivate community participation.

Tone: Friendly, relatable, and full of enthusiasm for weather science.

Weather Data (Service)

Purpose: Showcase live and historical weather data, explaining how it's collected and why it matters.

Sections

Data Overview

Purpose: Help visitors understand the value and uses of real-time weather data.

Key Elements:

- Short, beginner-friendly breakout on what weather data is and how it helps science
- Teaser for live satellite camera (with placeholder and note: 'live camera link coming soon')
- Simple bullet points about the benefits: research, forecasting, safety, and community awareness

Strategy: Spark curiosity and invite users to keep checking for updates and new data feeds.

Psychology: Learning through direct, hands-on examples and live data excites science-minded visitors.

Tone: Curious, helpful, and plainly educational.

Nexrad Radar (Service)

Purpose: Display live and recent Doppler radar images with easy explanations for newcomers.

Sections

Radar Images

Purpose: Let visitors experience real Doppler weather images and show how to understand them.

Key Elements:

- Live or most recent radar image (use 'nex_rad_page.png' as placeholder)
- Short, clear guide on what the images show—like storm cells and rain levels
- Key radar locations highlighted simply
- List of practical uses for radar (like staying safe, learning, and local science)

Strategy: Keep visitors coming back for new radar updates and make science feel easy to access and join.

Psychology: Visual content keeps people engaged and is especially effective with learners and hobbyists.

Tone: Very clear, encouraging, and avoiding any technical language.

Weather Links (Resource)

Purpose: Be a go-to resource for trusted weather and science links for hobbyists, students, and researchers.

Sections

Trusted Links

Purpose: Collect and organize reliable weather, satellite, and research links for easy use.

Key Elements:

- Simple list of the most important live cameras, weather maps, and university research links
- Small notes beside each link to help visitors know what to expect
- Links double-checked for accuracy and easy access

Strategy: Make SFO CommCenter the first stop for anyone wanting good science-based weather info.

Psychology: People trust and stick with sites that connect them to other credible resources.

Tone: Concise, factual, and helpful, like a good community librarian.

Contact (*Contact*)

Purpose: Offer a simple way for visitors to reach out via email for questions, suggestions, or to connect with David.

Sections

Contact Form

Purpose: Lower barriers and encourage direct communication for feedback, data inquiries, or networking.

Key Elements:

- Short and easy form for email contact only
- Message from David inviting emails about weather, community, or collaboration
- Clear privacy note (no phone or physical address required)

Strategy: Simple, single method (email only) makes contacting easy and avoids confusion.

Psychology: People prefer clear and direct contact channels, especially in science and nonprofit fields.

Tone: Warm, open, and direct.

Recommended Sections

- Company Story
- Team Profile
- Mission & Values

Psychology Insight

Building trust through relatable storytelling and demonstrating company values

Copy Tone Guidance

Authentic and engaging, highlighting the company's journey and ethos

Implementation

UX Psychology

Principle: Clarity and Trust

Application: Welcome people with simple language and highlight the purpose right away so visitors feel comfortable and know what to expect.

Implementation: Put a friendly greeting on the homepage that explains what the site offers. Use a clear headline and a short summary.

Principle: Visual Focus

Application: Use clear images and easy-to-read charts so people can quickly understand data without feeling overwhelmed.

Implementation: Place weather charts or radar images at the top of each data page. Add brief explanations below each image.

Principle: Personal Connection

Application: Make the site feel personal and welcoming by sharing the founder's story and using friendly photos.

Implementation: Add a photo of the founder on the About Us page. Use simple, direct language to tell the story.

Content Strategy

Area: Homepage

Recommendation: Make it clear what the site is for with a welcome and summary of services.

Implementation: Start with a headline and one-paragraph summary, followed by easy navigation to popular weather data and radar pages.

Area: Weather Data & Radar

Recommendation: Explain the weather data simply; use visuals and break information into easy-to-read sections.

Implementation: Use charts and images with captions, and write short explanations for each part.

Area: Resource Links

Recommendation: Keep the resource links page up to date and group links so people know what each one is for.

Implementation: Organize links by type, write a short description for each, and check links regularly.

Conversion Optimization

Technique: Simple Contact Method

Rationale: People are more likely to reach out if it's easy and clear how to do it.

Implementation: Put an email link or contact form in a visible spot on every main page.

Technique: Fast Updates

Rationale: People trust sites that show fresh, up-to-date data.

Implementation: Use plugins that update weather information automatically and display the last update time on each page.

Technique: Clear Calls to Action

Rationale: Encourage engagement by letting visitors know what to do next, like checking radar or sending feedback.

Implementation: Add simple buttons and prompts on each page, such as 'See Live Radar', 'View Weather Data', or 'Contact Us'.

Priority Focus

Category: Homepage Clarity

Description: Make sure the homepage clearly shows site purpose and offers easy ways to get to main features.

Reason: First impressions matter; visitors stay longer and engage more when they know what your site does.

Category: Contact Method

Description: Make it easy for visitors to contact you with questions or comments.

Reason: Direct contact builds trust and helps create a sense of community.

Category: Weather Data Display

Description: Present weather information clearly, using visuals and simple explanations.

Reason: This is what most visitors come for; it keeps people coming back and sharing the site.

Implementation Order

1. Homepage clarity and welcome message
2. Easy navigation setup
3. Weather data display with clear visuals
4. Add contact form or email link
5. Create About Us page with founder story
6. Design basic logo
7. Add placeholder and uploaded images
8. Build and organize resource links page

Risk Mitigation

Broken Links

Category: Resource Links

Suggested Action: Check links regularly and fix any that don't work.

Spam from Contact Form

Category: Contact Method

Suggested Action: Use a plugin with spam protection for contact forms.

Confusing Navigation

Category: Site Structure

Suggested Action: Use simple menu names and keep navigation the same on every page.

Lack of Branding

Category: Visual Design

Suggested Action: Add a basic logo and consistent site colors to help visitors recognize the site.

Business Impact

Impact Level: High