

WHEN TO COME TO NFARC/ARES FIELD DAY HANDOUT FOR HAM RADIO VOLUNTEERS

FRIDAY	
WHO	WHEN TO ARRIVE
<p>If</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you're in charge of one of the ANTENNAS or • you would like to see and learn more about the MARC UNIT Tower 	<p>Arrive no later than 9 AM.</p> <p>We anticipate STAYING OUT OF THE SUN except as necessary to get up our lines. But bring a HAT, possibly some dry socks, and sunscreen lotion. Leland should have the key to the A/C building.</p> <p>It will take the MARC crew a couple of hours to get their tower up. What they need from us at the very beginning are the PARACORD LINES from Antennas #1, #2 and #3. AND the 2meter antenna WITH COAX. We may up up a BACKUP 2 meter antenna also.</p> <p>Until they get the tower up, we can't finish installing those antennas. We can use some time to establish strings in the 5 different trees we are going to need for Antennas #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5.</p> <p>If you need training or practice on pneumatic or slingshot line placement, this is YOUR CHANCE.</p>
<p>If none of the above, you can skip our Friday adventures!</p>	

SATURDAY	
WHO	WHEN TO ARRIVE
<p>If you are bringing the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAVEL TRAILER • GENERATOR TRAILER 	<p>We need to arrive at about 7 AM to get our best parking spaces.</p>
<p>If you are bringing radios, coax, visitor equipment, display gear -- or you want to HELP with any of that!</p>	<p>You should arrive at 8AM and begin setting up in the main room or foyer as needed</p>
<p>TESTING OF STATIONS</p>	<p>9 AM</p>
<p>Antenna Interference Testing</p>	<p>9:30 AM All transmitters OFF AND UNPLUGGED to avoid damage</p>

	to the spectrum analyzer. This includes handi-talkies. OK TO RUN TWO METERS IF WAY OUT IN THE PARKING LOT.
As soon as Antenna Interference measurements are finished--	BEGIN 146.820 REPEATER TALK IN!! ALSO TRY OUT OUR FANTASTIC STATIONS -- Just take WSJT-X out of "contest mode" (easy to reverse later)
EVERYONE INVITED PLEASE JOIN US IF AT ALL POSSIBLE -- even if your operation is much later	Group Training begins at 10:30 10:30 -- District Chief Kevin Rulapaugh: Purpose, use and capabilities of the MARC Unit. 11:15 -- Disaster outbound H&W Traffic management Write Radiograms for BONUS POINTS Explanation of the BLANK FORMS for the General Public to demonstration Radio Email -- all tour guides/docents need this. 11:45 -- Further review of Public Tours / Welcome Station / G.O.T.A. Station
EVERYONE 12:30	12:30 LUNCH AT ARCHER ROAD SONNY'S SOMEONE STAYS AS SECURITY.
EVERYONE 1:30 PM	1:30 pm OPERATIONS BRIEFING
OPERATORS & VISITOR STAFF	2 PM FIELD DAY OPERATIONS BEGIN Be sure that your FT8 is set for "contest mode" 4F NFL
OPERATORS	If your time slot is a long ways off -- head home and get some sleep so you can be fresh for your time slot!! The Park is closed after sundown so have a green vest or something to explain you are part of the ham radio group if anyone asks you when you return late. It's OK if you want to really stretch yourself, but we plan to have a QUIET PLACE where we encourage people to get some SHUT EYE -- it makes for much calmer interactions toward the end when people aren't sleep deprived!!!

SUNDAY	
WHO	WHEN TO ARRIVE
EVERYONE	NOON BUFFET We will have a combination potluck. BBQ pork / brisket will be provided, probably with Baked Beans -- all in Crock Pots. If you are able, bring hot or cold potluck dishes to add to the mix. We have Microwave and Refrigerator but cannot cook any other way. Expect to have a great lunchtime together in the Main Room and conduct our HOTWASH as part of this.

EVERYONE	1 PM TEAR DOWN We can use everyone's' help to carry out all the gear, pull down and pack away all the antennas, and TIDY UP THE PLACE to spic and span!!