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Field Day 2026

South Pasadena Amateur Radio Club | W6SPR

June 3, 2026

When Is Field Day 2026?

Start

Saturday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. PDT (1800 UTC)

End

Sunday, June 28, 10:59 a.m. PDT (1759 UTC)

Home Ops 1:59 p.m. PDT (2059 UTC)

Setup at Art Center: Friday, June 26 at 5 p.m.



Objective of Field Day

Work as many stations as possible on...

- 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters
- all bands 50 MHz and above (6m, 2m, 440)

and learn to operate in less than optimal conditions.



Return to Art Center

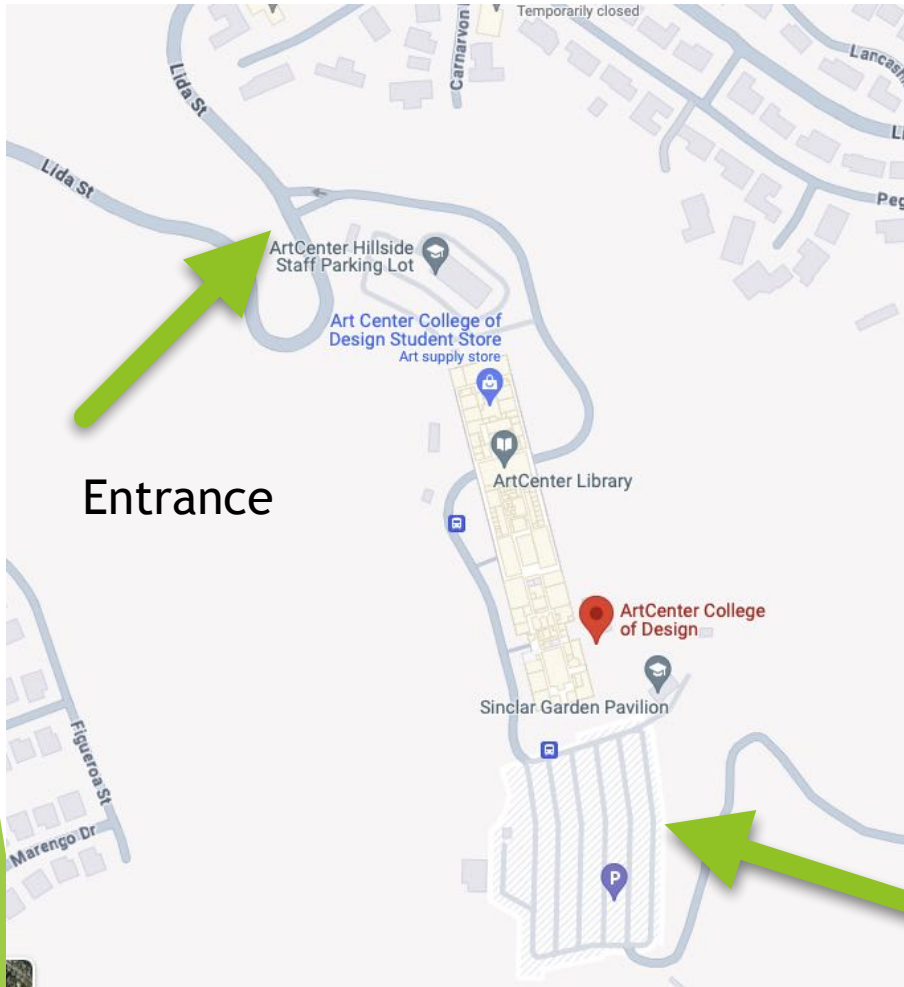
Our third in-person Field Day post-Covid

Participating clubs:

PRC, SPARC, JPLARC, CITARC



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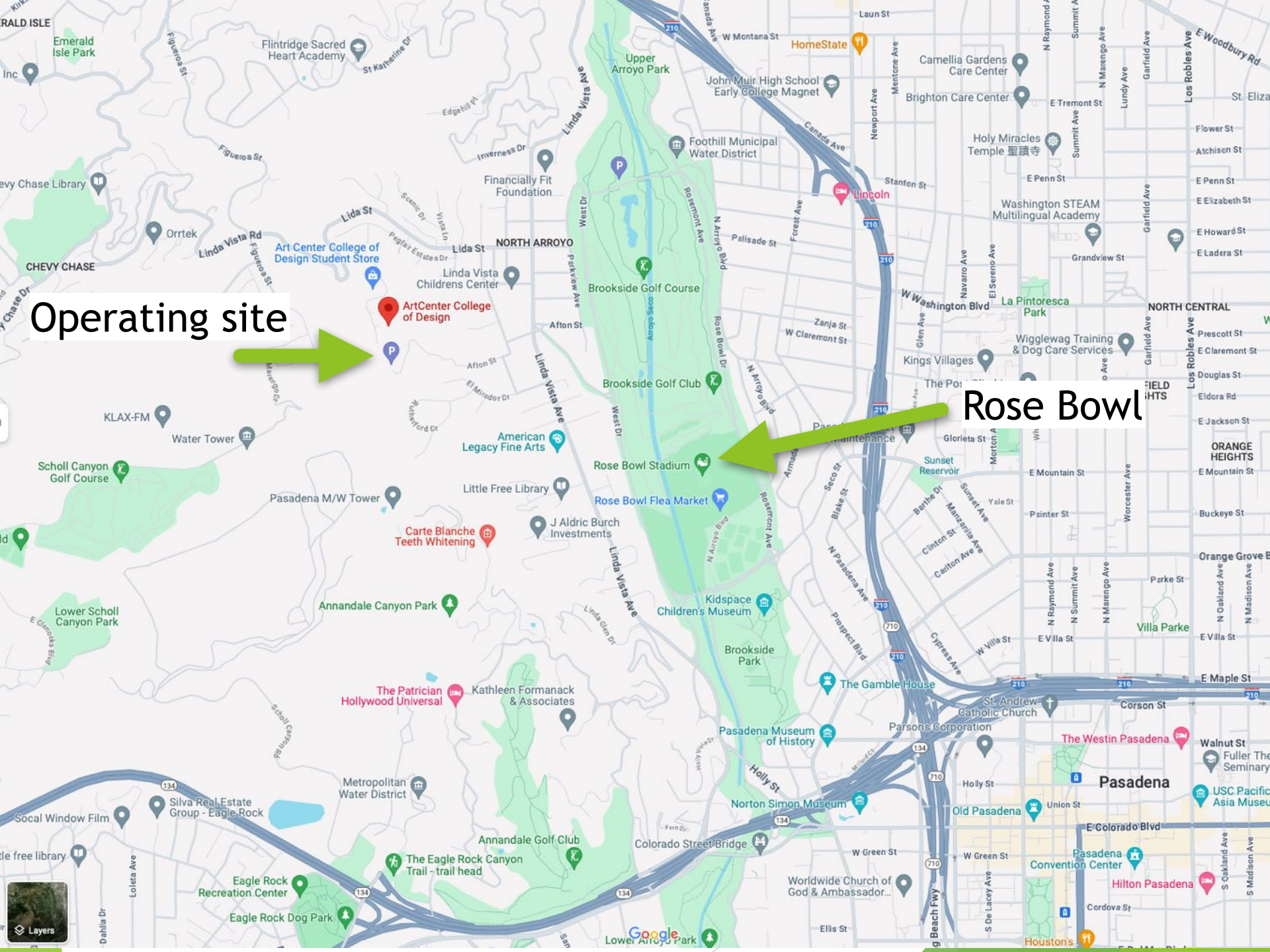
Entrance:
1700 Lida St.
Pasadena 91103

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Operating site

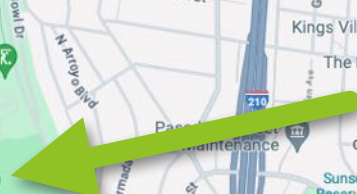




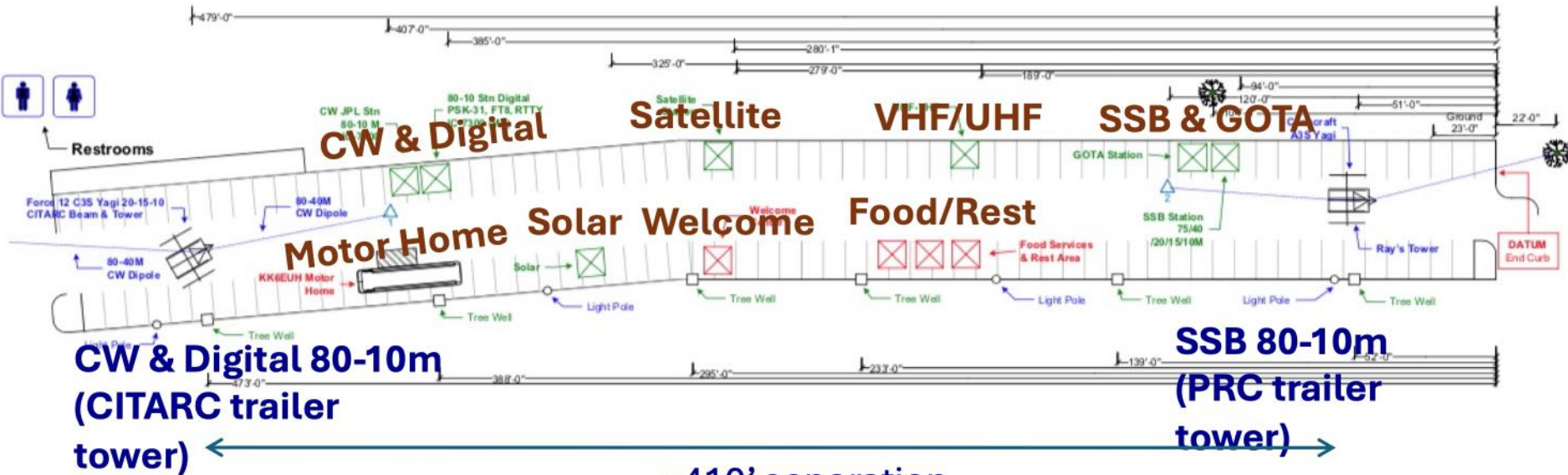
Operating site



Rose Bowl







ARRL Field Day 2019

Pasadena Radio Club – 3A LAX
 Site Setup Plan v1.0 (01MAY19)
 Art Center College of Design
 1700 Lida Street, Pasadena, CA 91103

~410' separation



Art Center College of Design
 Security Contact: Jeff Ruiz
 24/7 Security: 626-396-2299



2019

FD2019 Planning Discussion

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Operating Class

Our designator will be “4A”

- ▶ Four HF stations
 - Digital (Frank, K6FOD), CITARC trailer?
 - CW (SPARC), CITARC trailer?
 - 2 x SSB (PRC), 10-15-20 beam / 40-80 dipole
- ▶ “Free” FM VHF/UHF (SPARC)
- ▶ GOTA station, SSB, (SPARC/JPL)



SPARC's Role

We are responsible for:

[digital via Frank?]

CW station

VHF/UHF

GOTA — 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday

- Set up
- Operator coordination
- Tear down



SPARC's Role

SPARC members are welcome to work other stations.

Volunteers needed for Friday 5 p.m. setup and Saturday morning setup.



SPARC's Role

Operator Sign-up Sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NLc6F9n4Gigsfwl_Un5ObpCBk1DD-LGsbuhoR2HTAtY/edit?gid=152695469#gid=152695469



VHF/UHF Limitation

Can only operate one band at a time in order to maintain “free VHF” status.

6m

2m

1.25m

70cm



NEW Field Day Exchange

- ▶ QSO is an exchange of operating class and ARRL section.

N6P - November Six Papa
(Special Event Call Sign)

4A LAX - Four Alpha, Lima Alpha X-Ray

- ▶ Keep it short and sweet!





“Run” Exchange [aka “Camp & Call”]

You: If this is your first transmission on this frequency: **“Is this frequency in use? “N6P”**

You: **“November Six Papa, Field Day”**

Other Station: Gives “their call”

Enter “their call” into logging program.

If not a ‘duplicate’, proceed, otherwise ignore.

You: **“their call, four alpha, LAX”**

Other Station: Gives “their report”

Enter “their report” into the logging program.

If you missed something, say “again, again”

You: **“Thanks”, then start over at the top!**





“Search & Pounce” Exchange

Other Station: “Their call”, “Field Day”

Enter “Their call” into the logging program.

If not a “duplicate”, proceed. Otherwise, keep searching.

You: “November Six Papa”

Other Station: “N6P, Their Exchange Info”

You: Enter “their exchange information” into log

You: “Four alpha, LAX”

Other Station: “Thanks”





GOTA “Run” Exchange [aka “Camp & Call”]

You: If this is your first transmission on this frequency: **“Is this frequency in use? W6SPR”**

You: **“Whiskey Six Sierra Papa Romeo, Field Day”**

Other Station: Gives “their call”

Enter “their call” into logging program.

If not a ‘duplicate’, proceed, otherwise ignore.

You: **“their call, four alpha, LAX”**

Other Station: Gives “their report”

Enter “their report” into the logging program.

If you missed something, say “again, again”

You: **“Thanks”, then start over at the top!**





PRC Logging S/W (2 of 2)

See <http://www.n3fjp.com>

The screenshot shows the PRC Logging S/W interface. At the top, there are menu options: File, Settings, Band, Mode, View, Network, Operator, Help. Below this is a 'Recent Contacts' table with columns: Rec, Call, Class, Sec, Date / Time, Band, Mode, Country, Initials. A single contact is listed: Rec 1, Call AA6Q, Class 1A, Sec LAX, Date / Time 06:08 23:59, Band 20, Mode CW, Country USA, Initials JCM. To the right is a 'Score Statistics' panel with the following data:

Total CW Contacts	1
Total Phone Contacts	0
Total DIG Contacts	0
Total QSO Points	2
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	3
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	1

Below the 'Recent Contacts' table is a 'Data Entry Area' with columns for Call, Class, and Section. The 'Section' column contains 'AA6'. Below this is a 'Message Area' with a 'Clear' button. Below the message area is a 'Possible Duplicates' section showing 'West Pennsylvania Total = 0'. The main part of the interface is a grid of 'All ARRL Sections' arranged in columns numbered 1 through 9. The 'LAX' section is highlighted in blue in the 6th column. An arrow points from the 'LAX' entry in the 'Recent Contacts' table to the 'LAX' entry in the 'All ARRL Sections' grid. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Band: 20', 'Mode: CW', and a call sign display showing 'W6KA', '6A', and 'LAX'. The bottom right corner shows the time '5:19:02 PM' and '00:19:02 UTC'.

ARRL Sections turn blue when first worked

Data Entry Area

Message Area

Possible Dups listed as call is entered above

All ARRL Sections

Operating Elsewhere

“Participants from any Class can optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day.”

PRC/SPARC/JPLARC/CITARC

Name was selected to ensure all participating clubs get credit for their contributions.



Operating Elsewhere

If operating from a location other than Art Center, use your own call and class designator. Classes have two parts:

- ▶ maximum NUMBER of simultaneously transmitted signals
- ▶ LETTER designator indicating nature of station



Class A

- ▶ PORTABLE
- ▶ Three or more persons
- ▶ Not regular station location
- ▶ Independent of commercial power
(or “Class A-Commercial”)



Class A-Battery

- ▶ Same as Class A but...
- ▶ All contacts made using 5 Watts or less
- ▶ No commercial power or motor-driven generator
- ▶ Batteries, solar cells, water-driven generators, etc.

Class B / Class B-Battery

- ▶ ONE OR TWO PERSON PORTABLE
- ▶ One and two person Class B entries are listed separately.

Class C

- ▶ MOBILE
- ▶ Stations in vehicles capable of operating while in motion and normally operated in this manner
- ▶ Includes maritime and aeronautical

Class D

- ▶ HOME STATIONS
- ▶ Permanent station location
- ▶ Commercial power
- ▶ May count contacts made with other Class D stations.
Now a permanent rule!



Class E

- ▶ HOME STATIONS - EMERGENCY POWER
- ▶ Otherwise same as Class D
- ▶ May work all Field Day stations



Miscellaneous Rules

- ▶ Can't call your own station
- ▶ Only work stations once per band per mode
- ▶ No cross-banding except satellites
- ▶ Only one transmitter at a time per band-mode
- ▶ Only simplex/digital – NO REPEATER CONTACTS



Affiliation Rules

- ▶ Can't call your own station
- ▶ Must use your PERSONAL call (not N6P)
- ▶ One call sign per transceiver except family members with different calls



Scoring

- ▶ Phone contacts = 1 point each
- ▶ CW contacts = 2 points each
- ▶ Digital contacts = 2 points each



Logging

- ▶ Paper and pencil log sheet:



Field Day Log

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Call Used

Exchange Sent

Frequency	Mode	Date	Time (UTC)	Station Worked	Exchange Received

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/Generic/FD Log Sheet.pdf>



Logging via Computer

- ▶ N3FJP
Free for 30 or fewer contacts / \$8.99 full unlock
<http://n3fjp.com>
- ▶ N1MM+ (free)
<https://n1mmwp.hamdocs.com>
- ▶ QRUQSP (free)
<https://qrupart.org>
- ▶ RUMlog (free, macOS)
<https://dl2rum.de/rumsoft/RUMLog.html>



Submission Form



FIELD DAY 2022

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2022 Field Day Entry - Introduction

To submit your entry for Field Day, you'll need both the data that describes your entry and any required bonus point documentation. Although the bonus point documentation can be submitted at a later time, it's recommended that you submit both at the same time.

Data Entry. You'll need all of the info that describes your entry:

- Call used and GOTA station call
- Entry class, number of participants, list of operators
- Power source and multiplier
- Claimed bonus points
- QSO totals by band and mode
- GOTA operators and QSO totals

Upload Documents. If you elect to upload required documents at this time, you'll need files for the following:

- Cabrillo log or list of stations worked by band/mode (dupe sheet)
- Required documentation for bonus points

[Go To Data Entry](#)

Send comments or questions about this page to [ARRL Contest Manager](#).
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<http://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>



Selected Bonus Options

- ▶ Message to Section Manager
- ▶ Satellite QSO – Rick, KI6ZKM
- ▶ Alternate Power
- ▶ Copy [W1AW Bulletin](#)
- ▶ Youth QSO (18 and under)
- ▶ Social Media: single post does not count!
- ▶ Submitting log online



Power Level Multipliers

- ▶ If all contacts are made using 5 Watts or less using no commercial mains or generators, multiply score by 5.
- ▶ If all contacts are made using 5 Watts or less, but with commercial mains or generators or batteries charged by either, multiply score by 2.
- ▶ If all contacts made using no more than 100 Watts, multiply score by 2.



Elmers

Don't be afraid to ask for help!

contest@southpasradio.org



Submitting to ARRL

- ▶ <http://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>
- ▶ Due by July 28
- ▶ Affiliate with
“PRC/SPARC/JPLARC/CITARC”
- ▶ Results will be published in QST Magazine
- ▶ Send proof of submission to SPARC and PRC for special recognition



More Information

- ▶ [Video on N3FJP](#)
- ▶ [QST article on club contesting](#)
- ▶ [DX Zone Guide to QSL Card Software](#)



Scratching the Surface

These slides are no substitute for reading the rules yourself.



ARRL Field Day 2026 Rules

No changes have been made to the rules in the past year.

1. Eligibility: Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit and may submit entries as check-logs.

2. Object: To work as many stations as possible on the 160-, 80-, 40-, 20-, 15- and 10-Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less-than-optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio. See also recommended frequencies FAQ.

3. Date and Time Period: Field Day 2026 will be held June 27-28. Field Day is ALWAYS the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2059 UTC Sunday.

3.1. Class A and B (see below) stations that do not begin setting up until 1800 UTC on Saturday may operate the entire 27-hour Field Day period.

3.2. Stations who begin setting up before 1800 UTC Saturday may work only 24 consecutive hours, commencing when on-the-air operations begin.

3.3. No class A or B station may begin its set-up earlier than 0000 UTC on the Friday (Thursday afternoon or evening local time) preceding the Field Day period. Cumulative set-up time shall not exceed a total of 24 hours.

4. Entry Categories: Field Day entries are classified according to the maximum number of *simultaneously* transmitted signals, followed by a designator indicating the nature of their individual or group participation. The minimum number of transmitters that must be claimed is one (1). Twenty (20) transmitters maximum are eligible for the purpose of calculating bonus points (2,000 points maximum). However, additional transmitters which may legitimately be used simultaneously will determine your entry category classification, but will not earn additional bonus points (i.e. 22 transmitters = 22A). The use of switching systems that allow for lock-outs in order to use multiple transmitters (i.e., an "octopus") in an attempt to enter a lower-number-of-transmitters class are prohibited (i.e. using 2 transmitters that can transmit simultaneously, with two operators, and a lock-out system and entering class 1A). The use of simulcasting devices which allow a single operator to key and transmit on more than one transmitter at a time, is prohibited. **Bonus stations, such as the GOTA station and satellite station do not count towards determining the number of transmitters for the class and do not qualify for transmitter bonus points.**



And there are a lot of rules.