

Field Day 2023 is approaching!



Date: June 24 – 25, 2023.

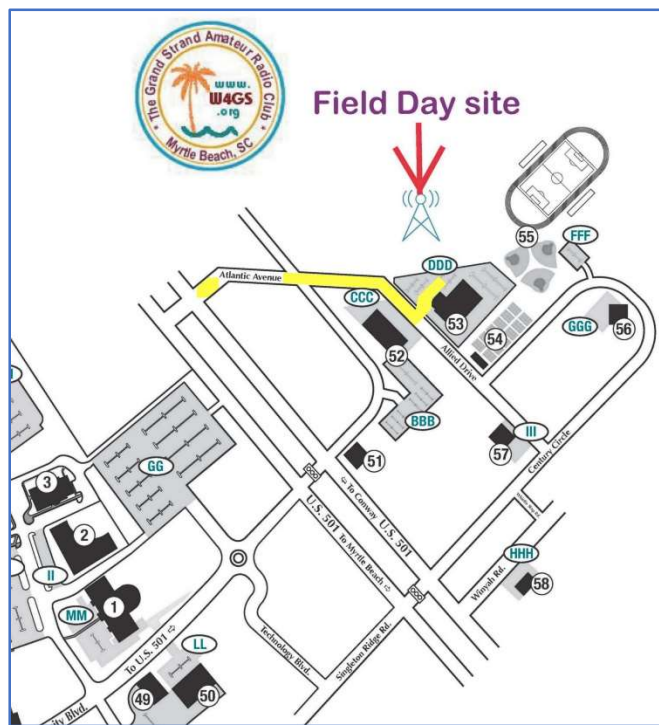
GSARC Field Day is Saturday June 24th through Sunday June 25th using the Club's callsign W4GS. Operations will be terminated and demobilized upon a NWS report of severe weather for the area.

Time: 9:00AM for setup on Saturday. Please arrive promptly. GSARC will operate as a Class A Station (club station on emergency power).

Location: Coastal Carolina University Science Center, 301 Allied Drive, Conway. The site is **NOT** located on the Coastal Carolina University main campus; it is located in the campus on the east side of HWY 501 (33 48 2.21N, 78 59 56.16W, Grid Square FM03mt) in the rear of the Atlantic Center complex.

We expect to be monitoring 145.110MHz, PL 85.4Hz repeater should you need final directions.

This is the same site used in past few years.



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Resources Provided by GSARC:

Antennas: The Club has **dipole antennas** for 80-, 40-, and 20-meters. Based on member observations of band conditions the previous few days, we'll operate the bands that we expect will be productive.

Setup will be a task for the members Saturday morning. The site has numerous pine trees, and the Club has a launcher. If you have an antenna you would like to try, bring it with coax.

Power: The Club has two generators available.

Food and Beverages: Lunch and dinner will be provided Saturday. Water and soft drinks will be available. The University bans alcoholic beverages onsite. A port-a-potty will be located on site.

Resources We Need:

Tent/Canopy: The Club has two 10x10 canopies. We'll need more. The "beach" type tent/canopy will work just fine. One with side curtains is even better. It's hoped we can distribute several canopies in the area allowing for effective separation of antennas.

HF Radios are definitely needed with their power supplies. The Club has none of their own. You can bring your rig when you arrive and leave with it when you depart and share operations with other members while you're there. Don't forget power supply, headphones, antenna tuners & accessories.

Extension cords. If you have a long cord, it would be helpful.

Chair: Don't forget your folding chair.

Laptop Computer: Bring your laptop. Computer logging will be used. Download the Field Day software from <http://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html>. Do not pay for the software, GSARC will pay for its use. Your laptop will be connected to GSARC's router on Field Day.

Field Day Operations:

The number of transmitters in simultaneous operation, the modes (CW, Phone, Digital) and bands that we'll use will be determined during site setup based on the resources available and some pre-Field Day band monitoring. Operations will begin at 2:00pm local time Saturday and end Sunday.

The Club plans to submit an entry report to the ARRL. Use of CW is encouraged. Each CW contact is worth twice the points of a phone contact. The Club may even try some digital contacts (PSK31) and a satellite contact.

There'll be ample time for socialization so if you have a new piece of ham gear or even just a good war story it will be welcome.

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Extra Points:

W1AW Bulletin: An attempt to copy the W1AW Bulletin may be attempted.

Site Visitations: Invitations have or will be sent by the Clubs PIO (Todd Rush W7STR) to several elected officials and to local press and TV stations as well as ARRL officials and Emergency Management officials.

Safety Officer: A Safety Officer will be identified prior to Field Day.

More Info:

Should you wish more information on the ARRL Field Day requirements, go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

Should you have question about GSARC participation, contact the Field Day Chairman, George Baker N4BAK field.day@w4gs.org

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