

ARRL FIELD DAY



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June 28nd - June 29th

Setup begins at 9:00 AM June 28th

Event Starts at 2:00 PM June 28th

Exchange: 3A SC

Bands: 10, 50, 15,20,40,80, & 160

Talk Around Channel: Conway Repeater

145.110/144.510 PL 95.4

Trinity United Methodist Church Event Area

196 Godfrey Ave.

Conway, South Carolina 29526

33.85794904937728, -79.04738912692852

(See below for additional details)

Location

Godfrey Ave is very short. You should see us as soon as you turn on to it. We will be meeting at the Picnic Pavillion across from the church.

Event Time

Setup will begin Saturday, June 28th at 9 AM. The event will start at 2 PM Saturday and run at least till noon Sunday, June 29th. Depending on interest we may run it longer on Sunday. This will be decided Sunday morning.

How to Participate

This year, in order to give everyone a chance to participate and have fun. And we do mean everyone here. Members with Extra license classes will be supervising all the committee provided stations. What this means is that you will be able to work in all sections of all licensed bands. This is true even if you only have a Technician class license. You will have your choice of the following four options. The first three will require that you sign up for a time slot to operate. You may do this before or during field day. You may also participate as a standby operator should a slot not be taken or given up. Allowed bands are 10, 15, 20, 40, 80, & 160. Our classification will be 3A and our exchange will be 3A SC.

1. Phone (At Field Day site) - This is a station to be provided by the Field Day Committee. It will only operate as a phone station and may operate on any contest band throughout the event.

2. CW (At Field Day Site) - This is a station to be provided by the Field Day Committee. It will only operate as a CW station and may operate on any contest band throughout the event.
3. Bring your Own Station (BYOS)- This can be Phone, CW or Digital. If operating as Phone or CW the provided stations will not operate at the same time.
4. From Home - You may also operate from home or another location other than the field day site. You will need to use your own call sign and be sure to enter the club's full name, Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club, when submitting your score.

How to Signup

In order to sign up please complete the included signup form. We will do our best to get you in the preferred slot you requested. Once scheduled you will be notified by the Field Day Committee of your one hour time slot. Forms need to be completed and turned in by the June meeting. You can still come and operate, you might just not be able to get your preferred time.

If you would like to operate more than one time slot please see George Baker prior to 2 PM on Saturday to see what is available.

You may email your form to field.day@w4gs.org, bring it to a club meeting or give it to a Field Day committee member on Field Day. It is highly recommended you sign up early. Signups on the day of field day will be a first come basis.

Logging

The club has a copy of the N3FJP Field Day logging software. If using a BYOS please try to arrive early enough so that the software can be updated on your computer. You can download a copy here <https://www.n3fjp.com/>. If operating from home and would like to use it, you will need to purchase your own copy of the software and register it to your call sign. It is not required for home use though. Computer's will be provided for the Phone, digital and CW stations.

Power

The club will provide generators and if you are using your BYOS station you can either bring your own power source or use one of the provided Generators.

Max Operating Power

We will be operating at a max of 100 PEP.

Meals

Lunch and assorted snacks will be provided by the Field Day committee. Please feel free to bring any additional food if desired. Lunch will be at 1 PM on Saturday. Like in years past it will be Hamburgers and Hotdogs.

Bathroom Facilities

In years past we had access to a porta john. Our new location has bathrooms at the Pavillion.

Setup and Teardown

We will start setup at 9 am Saturday and all setup will be completed by 2 PM. The only exception being BYOS, they would need to be set up prior to your operating time. Tear down will start at noon Sunday unless the end time is extended due to sufficient participation.

Volunteer

If you'd like to help us knock our score out of the park this year we could really use your help with any of the following. Please email George Baker if you have any questions. We can definitely use multiple volunteers for any of the below so don't worry about your favorite being available. There will be a drawing at the end of Field Day from all the volunteers for a \$25 gift card.

_____ Lunch - Prepare and setup for lunch of Hamburgers and HotDogs. The Field Day Committee will provide the food. 100,000 - But the points don't matter :)

_ _____ GOTA Coach - Help new hams and visitors get on the air for what may be their first time. 100 points if we man the station full time for at least 10 contacts.

_ _____ GOTA New or inactive Hams Station - Help new hams, inactive hams and visitors get on the air for what may be their first time. 5 Points per contact. Should have digital capability.

_____ Media Publicity - I will work with the media to get a story published about our field day. 100 Points.

_____ Public Information Table - I will help man the table for at least an hour and talk to visitors about what we are doing. 100 Points. Need multiple people here till about 6 pm to help talk to visitors and get them on the GOTA radio. Talking points will be provided.

_____ Message Origination to Section Manager - I will be responsible for sending a message to the section manager. Will most likely be through winlink. 100 points. There is a specific format and information required. Need to provide copy of the message via email to George

_____ Message Handling - I will handle sending and receiving messages during field day. - Messages claimed under this bonus must be in either standard NTS or ICS-213 format (or have the equivalent content) 10 points per message up to 100 points. Need to provide copies of all messages via email to george and preserve until confirmed they are good to go.

_____ Satellite QSO - I will attempt to make a satellite QSO during field day - 100 points.

_____ - Alternate Power - I will make a minimum of 5 contacts using only battery and solar power. If contacts are digital, the computer will also need to be on battery/solar power. 100 points. Contacts will need to be logged separately.

_____ W1AW Bulletin (Need two) - I will collect the W1AW bulletin at some point field day weekend. It is available starting the Friday before. The easiest way to collect it is via PSK31 so you can cut and paste. Will need to be provided to George Baker on Saturday morning. The schedule, frequencies and modes are available on the W4GS website.

_____ Educational Activity - I will lead a structured educational activity at some point during field day. 100 points.

_____ Site visitation by Elected Government Official - I will attempt to have a government official visit our site. It is recommended that several be contacted. 100 points if they visit.

_____ Agency official visit - I attempt to coordinate a visit of a representative of an agency served by ARES in our community (American Red Cross, Salvation Army, local Emergency Management, law enforcement, etc.). 100 points if they visit.

_____ Youth Participation - I will arrange to have some kind of youth participation during field day. 20 points per each youth that makes at least one QSO - Max 100 Points 18 years old or younger that makes a contact. - Should be on GOTA Station if possible.

_____ Social Media - I will publish announcements on our social media page about Field Day. 100 Points.

_____ Safety Officer - I will complete the safety officer checklist (will be provided) and will oversee general safety issues for the day. 100 points.

_____ Photos - I will take HI-Res Photos and get releases for under 18 in photos. Provide a sample photo prior to the event so that we can dial in resolution if necessary. Just about any modern smart phone would be sufficient for this.

_____ Provide a Trailer we can use for the weekend

_____ Grocery shop for food. You will be reimbursed.

Questions

Please email field.day@w4gs.org with any questions. Field Day committee members are George Baker (N4BAK) and Al Miller (NE4EA)

GSARC 2025 Field Day Operator Sign up
Saturday, June 28th - Sunday, June 29th

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Call Sign: _____

License Class: _____

Requested Time Slots (One hour blocks in order of preference)

Mode should be Digital, Phone or CW.

Date/Time: _____ Mode: _____ Type (circle): Provided BYOS

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Would you like to be on standby: Yes No

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Would you like to volunteer for one of the bonus activities?

If so which one(s) _____