

Welcome to Amateur Radio's Open House

FIELD DAY 2024

Want to see what Amateur Radio is all about? See us in action on Saturday afternoon, June 22, 2024 at Leavenworth's VA City Park (across from Waggin' Tails Dog Park). The event starts at 1 pm Saturday and runs through Sunday afternoon. The site is operated by Leavenworth's own Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club (PKARC), one of Amateur Radio's elite Special Service Clubs.



Who's Invited? We welcome all comers who are interested in seeing what your friends and neighbors do for our community throughout the year.

Amateur Radio is a hobby but serves in the public interest as a skilled pool of volunteers who provide sustained emergency communication response, conduct weather spotting, support inter-hospital communication, augment non-governmental disaster response, and fill key Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOM) roles in the FEMA Incident Command structure. We hope we get visitors representing interested citizens, our elected officials, emergency managers and first responders as we demonstrate our capabilities.



What you'll see on Field Day. Radio Amateurs across North America operate both individually and as groups, mostly under emergency conditions, to contact as many of the other participating stations as possible. Communications are conducted primarily on Amateur Radio short wave frequencies, but the entire Amateur Radio spectrum is open for use. Extra credit is applied for satellite, morse code, and digital two-way contacts. Stations are powered by generator, battery and solar. We operate a full-scale communications site that participates in Field Day over a 24-hour period.



Want to get on the air? If you are interested in participating, whether licensed or not, you are welcome to sit with a seasoned radio amateur and make contacts. Check in at our information tent and someone will be glad to show you our stations and introduce you to our operators. We operate mostly inside tents and campers, but we also take advantage of picnic tables as the weather permits. There is plenty of room for observers.



Want to get a license? If you like what you see, contact us through our web site to get more information on preparing for your Amateur Radio exam. When you're ready, someone from our testing team will arrange a time and place for your test. For those who had a license that is now expired, there is no better time than now to get back into the hobby.

For rules and details, see <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

