

OARC-W7SU Winter Field Day Plans

What is Winter Field Day, WFD?

- Last full weekend of January 2022. January 29-30, 2022
- Here is link to the WFD page for 2022.
- <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>
- This link has a description, rules, and scores from past WFD's.

What is the Goal for an OARC-W7SU-WFD event?

- Have Fun.
- Setup and operate an amateur radio station(s) under more difficult conditions than regular Field Day.
- Make as many contacts using Digital, Phone, and CW modes as possible.

What are the plans for an OARC-W7SU-WFD event?

- Operate in the "Indoor" and "Remote" category. 1000 bonus points.
 - Indoor: Operation from inside a remote, insulated, heated (or cooled, depending on your local weather), and weather-protected structure where an Amateur station is normally not available. (Park buildings/cabins, community center, senior center, cottage, etc).
- Operate using either a "1" or "2" class. Meaning 1 or 2 transmitters.
 - Depending on participation, we will set up a second station for operation.
- Operate using all 3 different modes. Digital, Phone, and CW.
 - Please note, FT8 is not an accepted mode for WFD.
 - Digital modes: PSK, Olivia, RTTY, etc. are valid modes.
- Operations will be from a heated camping trailer.
 - Because space will be limited in a camp trailer, there will only be room for the station and two participants. One operating and one logging.
 - The trailers will be winterized so only heat, lights, and electricity will be available.
NOTE: no water or facilities will be available within the trailer(s).

How can you participate?

- All club members are encouraged to participate.
 - Nonmembers and non-licensed operator/loggers are welcome.
- Participants will sign up for a 1-hour operating tour as a Team.
 - Team is two persons. One to operate and One to log.
 - It will be important to be on time.
 - You will be able to operate using your license class privileges.
 - Consider signing up with someone who enjoys the same modes of operation.
 - Sign up with someone with a higher license class so they can be a control operator
 - Higher license class holders are encouraged to sign up to be a control operator.
- You can participate from Home using your personal callsign

Personal preparations.

- All participants are expected to be fully self-sufficient.
 - Warm clothing.
 - Chairs.
 - Blanket.
 - Transportation.
 - Personal needs.
- We cannot predict the weather.
 - Expect cold temperatures.
 - Snow on the ground.
 - Winter weather.

Where is this going to be held?

- Current location is likely the Farm where we operated the W7SU Special Event Station. This location is subject to change depending on permissions, weather, or other considerations.
- We will strive to make the operating positions as comfortable as possible, but there will not be room to crowd around the operating positions.
- We are planning on a small fire pit. Consider bringing a log or two to share.

Volunteer opportunities.

- We will need volunteers to help set up the antenna(s) before the event starts and again when the event is concluded.
- A portable fire ring to contain a fire where we can get warm and tell lies (stories about operating) hihi.
- A portable stove or bbq grille. It would be nice to burn some dogs or cook some burgers and make a hot beverage of some kind.
- Tarps and rope to maybe block off a shelter of sorts in or around the shed on the farm.
- All volunteers and ideas are welcome. Feel free to contact:
- There are couple of camp trailers already offered up for operating locations.
- Overnight facilities are up to you.

Club support is provided as far as Radios, Antennas, and misc equipment.

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Keep an eye on the Club Website for updates and other news

Listen in on the Ham and Eggs net, Tuesday @ 6:30 PM local, 448.600 repeater.

Join in on the 10 Meter net, Thursday @7:00 PM local, 28.385 USB or an hour earlier on 28.386 CW.