

Amateur Radio Field Day

27 Jun 1000 hours – 28 Jun 1000 hours

At Hurlburt Field Picnic Area

Everyone is welcome to attend. Completely free, nothing available to purchase, donations not accepted.

Amateur Radio Operators are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Amateur Radio is a hobby, can be a public service, can be emergency communications.

Field Day is a contest/exercise to make as many contacts as possible with other stations across North America. Most stations like ours will be set up in a temporary location, using temporary antennas and operating radios without commercial power.

This is similar to what we would do after a disaster destroys the infrastructure (electricity, cell phone systems, telephone landlines, internet connections). Local Amateurs support the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center and shelters, in the event they lose normal communications.

Why attend?

Experience the hobby, it might interest you. Learn about a different technology. Get a chance to talk on a radio capable of communicating around the world. This is excellent for anyone interested in science, technology or mathematics, Also anyone interested in geography or a foreign language.

If you became an Amateur Radio Operator (Ham), where would you try to talk to? Every State of the United States of America, Japan, Australia, Israel, the Vatican, some obscure reef or island where there are hams for just a few days in maybe the next twenty years?

Would you try to contact the International Space Station, talk through satellites, and bounce a signal off the moon or a meteor's tail? Yes all of that is done. Would you end up having a chat with some kind of royalty or famous entertainer? Would you try to send text or photos from your computer through a radio? Again this is also done.

Would you make a difference like the 10 year old girl who was communications between a shelter and the Emergency Operations Center in New York City after the 9-11 attacks?