

When: 11am - 2pm, Saturday, Aug 20

Where: Sunnyvale's Baylands Park, Pickleweed Place

(When you get to Baylands Park, turn right after going through the main gate.)

There won't be an evening WVARA meeting in August. Instead, we are having our annual WVARA BBQ. I'm totally stoked! Our location (see map below, the reservation is under "WVARA") includes multiple tables, grill, an AC outlet, and a covered awning for shade. There is an entry fee per car at Baylands Park, so you may prefer to carpool. We'll have hot charcoal and condiments -- please bring your own meat to grill.

Let me know what you're planning to bring. We need volunteers to be in charge of the following:

- 1) Setting up the grill (bringing, setting-up and lighting the charcoal)
- 2) Condiments, paper plates and plastic ware
- 3) a couple liter bottles of soda
- 4) baked beans
- 5) a green salad or potato salad
- 6) Buns for hamburgers and hot dogs
- 7) fruit (watermelon or whatever)
- 8) dessert items (cookies or equivalent)

Our BBQ coincides with the SSB portion of the North American QSO Party (NAQP) which means this is an ideal opportunity for a really fun portable radio operation. (NAQP Contest rules are at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>). We can't put up any big Field Day-style antennas at Baylands, but we can still string up an NVIS dipole and/or put an HF whip on top of the metal awning and have some fun in the contest. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering to be in charge of either of the following two tasks:

- 1) Setting up an HF SSB station.
- 2) Setting up a VHF station for event coordination through the WVARA repeater

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SUNNYVALE BAYLANDS PARK

