

## Quartzfest 2024

January 21-27

If you haven't already made plans, it's time to plan on attending Quartzfest 2024.

We're planning on posting a new map on our website <http://quartzfest.org> for groups who gather at Quartzfest. We already have Sam's Radio Hams on the map but need more. If you have a group gathering at Quartzfest and want your location posted on the map so your group members can easily find you, drop a note to Kevin at [khedgepe@presys.com](mailto:khedgepe@presys.com) so you can coordinate your location with him.

Tracy has been working hard on our schedule of events. The schedule is getting pretty full but do you have a topic that you'd like to present in a seminar to the group? If so, drop Tracy a note at [wm6t@arrl.net](mailto:wm6t@arrl.net) so he can add you to the schedule. In addition to tech seminars we'd like to have a couple more non-tech talks...i.e., vacations to interesting locations, etc..

Our schedule as it stands right now is posted on our Quartzfest website: <http://quartzfest.org> make sure you drop by and take a look at it. Kevin has been working really hard to make it an awesome website for you. An updated schedule will be posted in a few days.

Do you have a love for off-roading? Would you like to lead our off road trip during Quartzfest? Frank AA7BQ has led our off road trips for the past 14 years and is ready to pass that responsibility off to someone else. Frank is going to lead our event again this year but says he's happy to help a new trip leader in the takeover. If you're interested in talking over this event, drop me a note and I'll put you in contact with Frank. [kristynweed@gmail.com](mailto:kristynweed@gmail.com)

As we ask every year, please bring firewood with you to Quartzfest. We have campfires every night during Quartzfest. If everyone brings a bundle of wood we should have enough to last the week.

Tom will be leading our W7Q special event station again this year using the Northern Arizona DX Association communications trailer. This year their trailer is solar and lithium iron phosphate battery powered. This special event station is set up for Quartzfest attendees to use. Make sure you swing by and get on the air. If you're new to HF there will be folks at the station to walk you thru making contacts.

Speaking of the Northern Arizona DX Assoc, they're again sponsoring the DX Distance Challenge. See their rules on our website. They have some amazing prize packages for the challenge winners.

Lyn and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in January

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