

Quartzfest 2022

January 23rd – 29th

Can you believe that Quartzfest 2022 is only 3 weeks away? It's time for final travel preparations. Be sure to grab a few logs to add to our campfire log pile. If everyone brings a few we'll have enough to keep our campfire going all week.

This year we'll have 4 porta potties for our tent campers and day visitors. Please, if you're camping in your RV, use the facilities there so the Potties don't fill up before they can be emptied. RV pump out services will be available Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$55 per RV. I know that's a lot but costs have gone up on everything.

Speaking of costs going up, we have 25th anniversary t-shirts this year but the cost has gone up and availability was limited. I was only able to order 170 shirts this year...small thru 4xl. 3x and 4x have no pockets. Cost? Small thru 2xl are \$18 and 3x and 4x are \$20.

You're all probably wondering what covid protocols we're requiring..well, we're not requiring masks be worn but do recommend it especially if you're in close quarters with others. Delta and omicron variants are in a surge pattern right now and that probably won't change before we all hit the desert floor. I ask that you all be respectful of others and keep your distance during seminars. Not holding indoor seminars this year will help minimize the spread as everything we do will be out in the open air.

Oh you haven't taken a look at the schedule yet, it's up on our website [Http://Quartzfest.org](http://Quartzfest.org). Tracy has done an amazing job of putting the schedule together this year and still has room for more speakers. He's got a little something for everyone to enjoy. As usual we'll have our Tuesday cast iron cooking and that evenings pot luck dinner followed by our annual pet parade. Wednesday is our 4x4 off road trip and Thursday there's a hike up Cunningham mountain to do a SOTA (Summits on the air) activation. Of course amateur radio exams will be held both Wednesday and Saturday and our Arizona state director and Southwest division director for the ARRL will be with us for an ARRL forum Friday morning. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, all PowerPoint presentations will be held in the

evening at area 3. Evening because again, no tents this year except for the welcome tent.

Speaking of the welcome tent, this is the only place we'll ask you to mask. It's an enclosed space and I don't want to take the chance of any of our volunteers getting sick. You'll only be at the welcome tent for a few minutes to check in so masking for that short period won't hurt anyone. Please don't give the check in volunteers a hard time over this. I'm responsible for this policy, not them.

I do need 4 or 5 volunteers to park their RVs as wind breaks next to areas 2 and 3. If you'd like to be close to the action in downtown Quartzfest this is a golden opportunity. Please drop me a note at kristynweed@gmail.com if you'd like to park in one of these areas.

When you arrive at the BLM roadrunner short term camping area be sure to sign in with the camp host before heading north to Quartzfest. Please sign in at our Quartzfest welcome tent so we have a count of how many are attending.

We have a safety page on the website that y'all may want to take a look at. But I want to stress, Coyotes and other animals live in the desert. Don't leave your pets outside. They may end up being coyote food. Also don't leave pet food out that will attract wildlife.

Talk-in and the Quartzfest operating frequency is 146.55MHz simplex. We use this frequency all week long for nets and regular announcements throughout the days.

Friday the 21st I'll need pickup trucks and volunteers to join me in going to the shed to pick up our equipment and bring it to our Quartzfest area. Once we get back to Quartzfest we'll need to set up the welcome tent, put together our ham man and ham ma'am and set up the bulletin boards. Your help will be welcomed.

That's all I can think of for now. If I think of anything else that you need to know I'll send out another update.

73 all...see you real soon

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