LARA - W5LVC
POTA Activation Plan
2H 2026

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PARKS ON

THE AIR

The Plan

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Objective

- To bring the LARA member community together by promoting a monthly outdoor POTA activation around the various Texas State Parks surrounding the DFW Metroplex area.

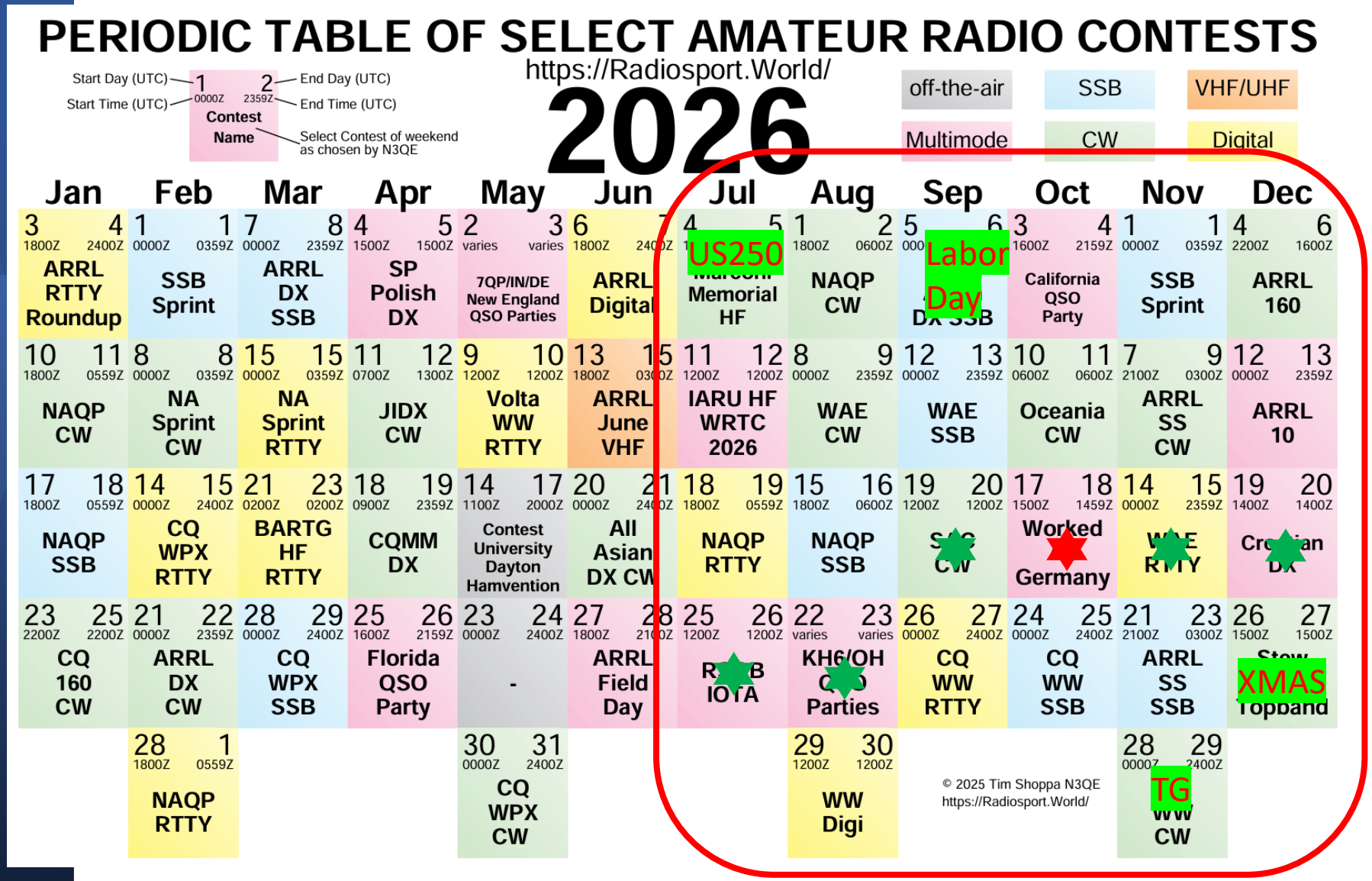
- This activity also allows members that do not have HF stations or license privileges to operate on the HF bands to experience the different bands/modes by using the W5LVC call sign.

- Main objective is to HAVE FUN and make QSOs!

Contest Calendar

½ day

Sleep-over



LARA POTA Calendar 2H 2026

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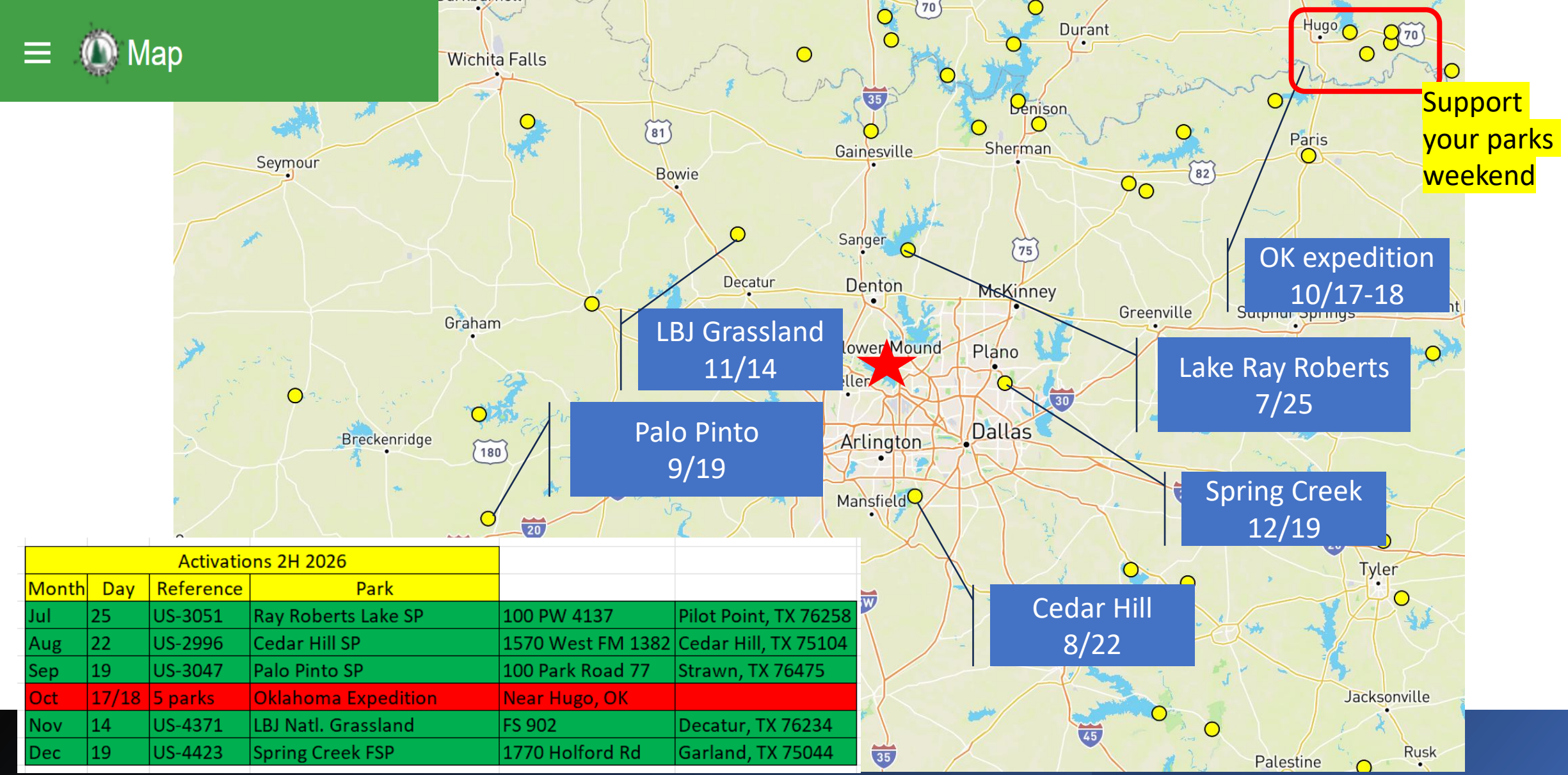
Month	Sat	Sun	Tue	POTA	Important Events	Other Contests
July	4	5			Independence Day	
	11	12				IARU WRTC
	18	19	LARA 21			
	25	26		US-3051 Ray Roberts Lake SP		RSGB IOTA
August	1	2				NAQP CW
	8	9				WAE CW
	15	16	LARA 18			NAQP SSB
	22	23		US-2996 Cedar Hill SP		
	29	30				
September	5	6			Labor Day Weekend	
	12	13	LARA 15			WAE SSB
	19	20		US-3047 Palo Pinto SP		
	26	27				
October	3	4				
	10	11				
	17	18	LARA 20	OK Expedition - 5 Parks	Overnight - Support Your Parks	
	24	25				CQ WW SSB
November	31	1				
	7	8				ARRL SS CW
	14	15	LARA 17	US-4371 LBJ Natl. Grassland		
	21	22				ARRL SS SSB
	28	29			Thanksgiving	CQ WW CW
December	5	6				ARRL 160
	12	13	LARA 15			ARRL 10
	19	20		US-4423 Spring Creek FSP		
	26	27			Holidays	



Activations 2H 2026					
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Aug	22	US-2996	Cedar Hill SP	1570 West FM 1382	Cedar Hill, TX 75104
Sep	19	US-3047	Palo Pinto SP	100 Park Road 77	Strawn, TX 76475
Oct	17/18	5 parks	Oklahoma Expedition	Near Hugo, OK	
Nov	14	US-4371	LBJ Natl. Grassland	FS 902	Decatur, TX 76234
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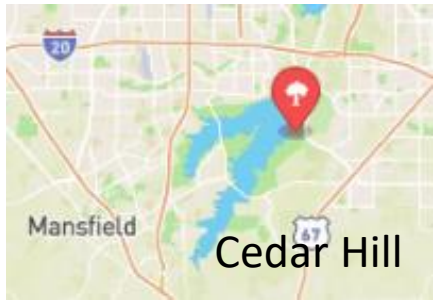
Ray Roberts



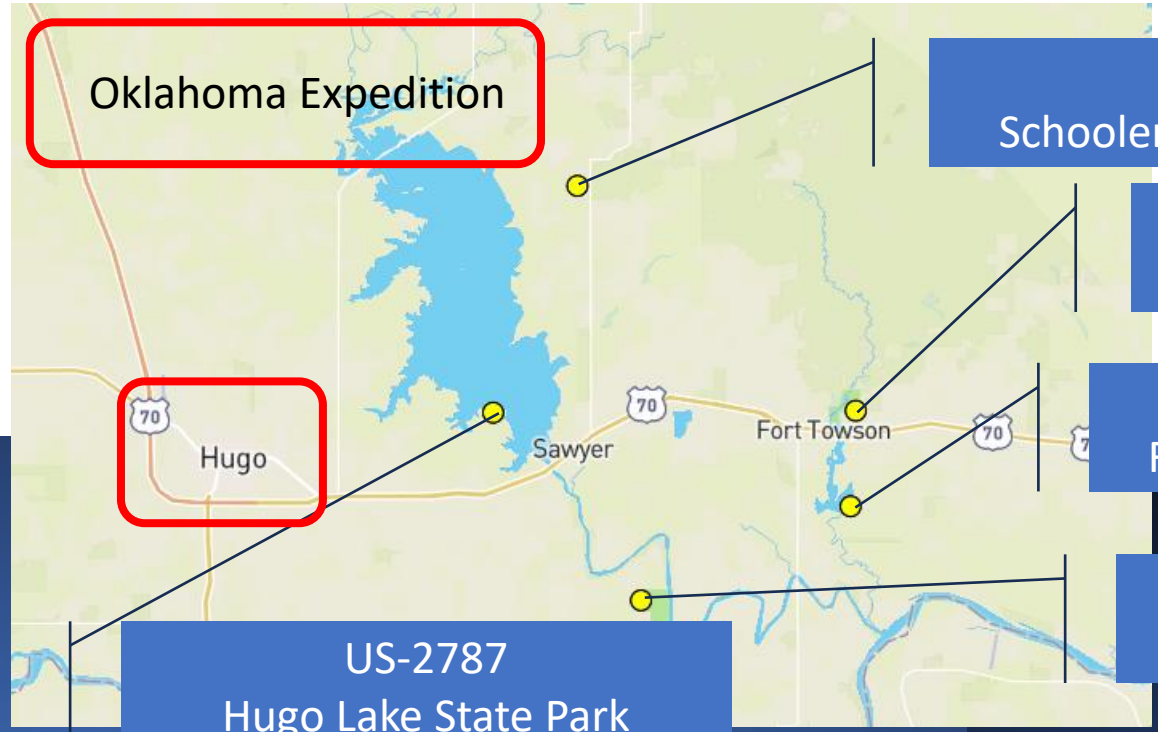
Cedar Hill

Palo Pinto

LBJ Grassland

Spring Creek

Park Details



US-11994
Schooler State Fishing Lake

US-6337
Fort Towson State Historic Site

US-2798
Raymond Gary State Park

US-6353
Hugo WMA

US-2787
Hugo Lake State Park

Notes and Comments

- We will be sending out reminders via e-mail during the week prior to the activation, so you can prepare

- The POTA outdoor activities are supposed to be fun, bring your spouse/kids with you for a day outdoors.

- Safety FIRST! Always be mindful where to set up your equipment (clear of power lines, hazardous equipment, etc.)

- REMEMBER to STAY HIDRATED!!!

Ambassadors

- When getting to the park, explain to the Rangers what you are doing and ask for directions where they want you to set up the operation

- When operating, you will attract attention from the neighbors, you are an ambassador of the hobby and the club, take the opportunity to explain what you are doing

- When leaving the park, leave no trace… take back all you brought with you, including additional good memories.

No Job is Finished until the Paperwork is DONE!

- Please remember to hand/e-mail all POTA logs to N5GG to be uploaded to the POTA site to validate the activation.

- POTA is a “two-for-one” when it comes to Club Operations: W5LVC AND YOU, both, receive credit for a successful activation (more than 10 QSO’s)

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Check List:

Radio	Check
HF Radio	
CW Key - Single Paddle	
CW Key - Iambic Paddle	
Microphone	
Headset	
BNC male - UHF Female adapter	

Power	Check
12V Inverter	
Battery Clamps to PowerPole	
Solar Panel	
Solar Controller	
Watt Meter	
Power Cable	
12V Battery - LiFePo - CHARGED	
LiFePo Battery Charger	
12V Battery - Lead Acid - CHARGED	

Accessories	Check
QRP Dummy Load	
External Speaker	
VNA	

Computer	Check
Surface PC	
Power Supply	
Mouse	

Antenna System	Check
Multiband End Fed Antenna	
Ground Wires	
BalUn 49:1	
Long Wire Antenna	
BalUn 9:1	
Linked Dipole Antenna	
BalUn 1:1	
20m HamStick Dipole Antenna	
HamStick Mounting Bracket	
Coax UHF to Banana Adapter	
BalUn 1:1	
Coaxial - BNC / UHF - 3 ft	
Coaxial - UHF/UHF - 10 ft	
Coaxial - UHF/UHF - 20 ft	
Coaxial - BNC / UHF - 25 ft - thin - chockes	
Coaxial - UHF/UHF - 40 ft	
Coaxial - BNC / UHF - 50 ft	
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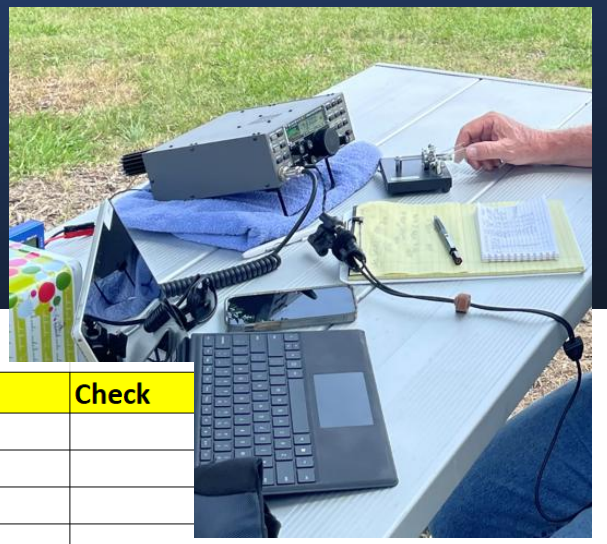
RF Current Choke #1	
RF Current Choke #2	
Fiberglass Pole	
Heavy Tripod	
Guy Wire System	



Paperwork and Docs	Check
Log Book	
Pencil / Pen	
Note Block	
Contest Rules	
Licenses / Letters	
CASH $$$	

Amenities	Check
Table	
Chairs	
Parasol Umbrella	
Screw Spike	

Personal Items	Check
Glasses	
Sun Glasses	
SPF	
Hat/Cap	

Boxes / Backpacks	Check
Radio Box	
Antenna Box	
Battery Box	
Pole HW Box	
Accessories Box	
Personal Backpack	

Also:
Don't forget your FOOD and DRINKS!!!

Thank You and see you at the park!
73!