



# LARA - W5LVC POTA State Park Activation Plan 1H 2025

N5GG – Colin Buckup

2/18/25

# 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

PERIODIC TABLE OF SELECT AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS											
Start Day (UTC) 1		2		End Day (UTC)		<a href="https://Radiosport.World/">https://Radiosport.World/</a>		off-the-air		SSB	
Start Time (UTC) 0000Z		2359Z		End Time (UTC)		2025		Multimode		CW	
Contest Name		Select Contest of weekend as chosen by N3QE								Digital	
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
4 1800Z	5 2400Z	2 0000Z	2 0359Z	1 0000Z	2 2359Z	5 1500Z	6 1500Z	3 varies	4 varies	7 1800Z	8 2400Z
ARRL RTTY Roundup	NA Sprint CW	ARRL DX SSB	SP Polish DX	7QP/IN/DE New England QSO Parties	ARRL Digital	Marconi Memorial HF	NAQP CW	All Asian DX	California QSO Party	ARRL SS CW	ARRL 160
11 1800Z	12 0559Z	8 0000Z	9 2400Z	9 0000Z	9 0359Z	12 0700Z	13 1300Z	10 1200Z	11 1200Z	14 1800Z	16 0300Z
NAQP CW	CQ WPX RTTY	NA Sprint RTTY	JIDX CW	Volta WW RTTY	ARRL June VHF	IARU HF	WAE CW	WAE SSB	Oceania CW	WAE RTTY	ARRL 10
18 1800Z	19 0559Z	15 0000Z	16 2359Z	15 0200Z	17 0200Z	19 0700Z	20 0659Z	15 1100Z	18 2000Z	21 0000Z	22 2400Z
NAQP SSB	ARRL DX CW	BARTG HF RTTY	CQMM DX	Contest University Dayton Hamvention	All Asian DX CW	NAQP RTTY	NAQP SSB	SAC CW	Worked All Germany	ARRL SS SSB	Croatian DX
24 2200Z	26 2200Z	22 1800Z	23 0559Z	23 0000Z	23 0400Z	26 1600Z	27 2159Z	24 0000Z	25 2400Z	28 1800Z	29 2100Z
CQ 160 CW	NAQP RTTY	NA Sprint SSB	Florida QSO Party	CQ WPX CW	ARRL Field Day	RSGB IOTA	KH6/OH QSO Parties	CQ WW RTTY	CQ WW SSB	LZ DX	RAC Winter
© 2024 Tim Shoppa N3QE <a href="https://Radiosport.World/">https://Radiosport.World/</a>		29 0000Z	30 2400Z			30 1200Z	31 1200Z			29 0000Z	30 2400Z
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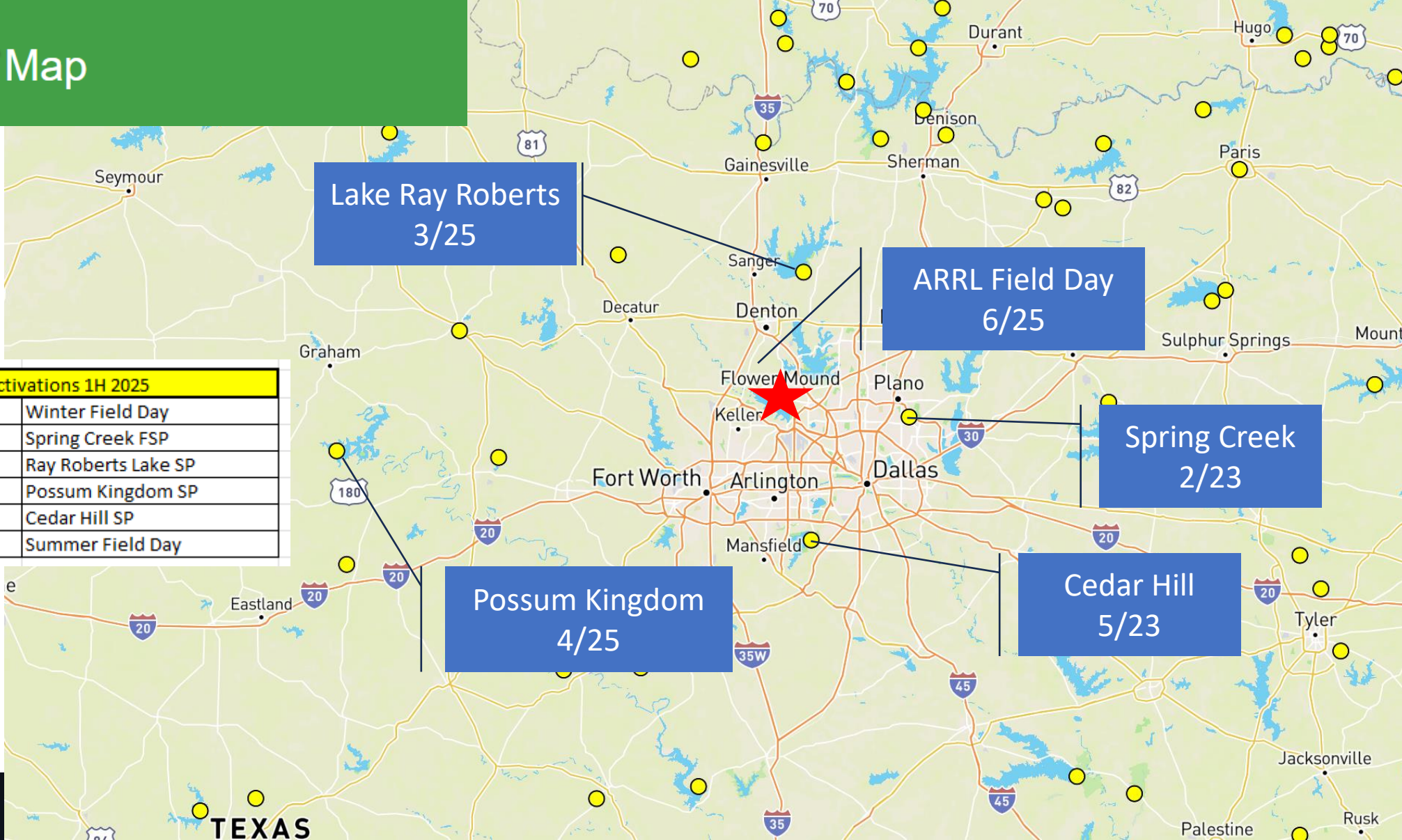


# Calendar 1H 2025

2025						
Month	Sat	Sun	Tue	POTA	Important Events	Other Contests
January	4	5		WFD is LARA's outdoor activity		
	11	12				
	18	19	LARA 21			
	25	26				Winter Field Day
February	1	2				
	8	9			Super Bowl	CQ WPX RTTY
	15	16	LARA 18			ARRL DX CW
	22	23		US-4423 Spring Creek FSP		
March	1	2				ARRL DX SSB
	8	9				
	15	16	LARA 18			
	22	23		US-3051 Ray Roberts Lake SP		
	29	30				CQ WPX SSB
April	5	6			overnight	
	12	13	LARA 15	US-3049 Possum Kingdom SP		TXPOTA Weekend
	19	20			Easter	CQMM DX CW
	26	27				
May	3	4				
	10	11			Mother's Day	
	17	18	LARA 20	US-2996 Cedar Hill SP		
	24	25			Memorial Weekend	CQ WPX CW
June	7	8		SFD is LARA's outdoor activity		ARRL Digital
	14	15			Father's Day	
	21	22	LARA 17			
	28	29				ARRL Field Day



Map



Activations 1H 2025		
Jan		Winter Field Day
Feb	US-4423	Spring Creek FSP
Mar	US-3051	Ray Roberts Lake SP
Apr	US-3049	Possum Kingdom SP
May	US-2996	Cedar Hill SP
Jun		Summer Field Day

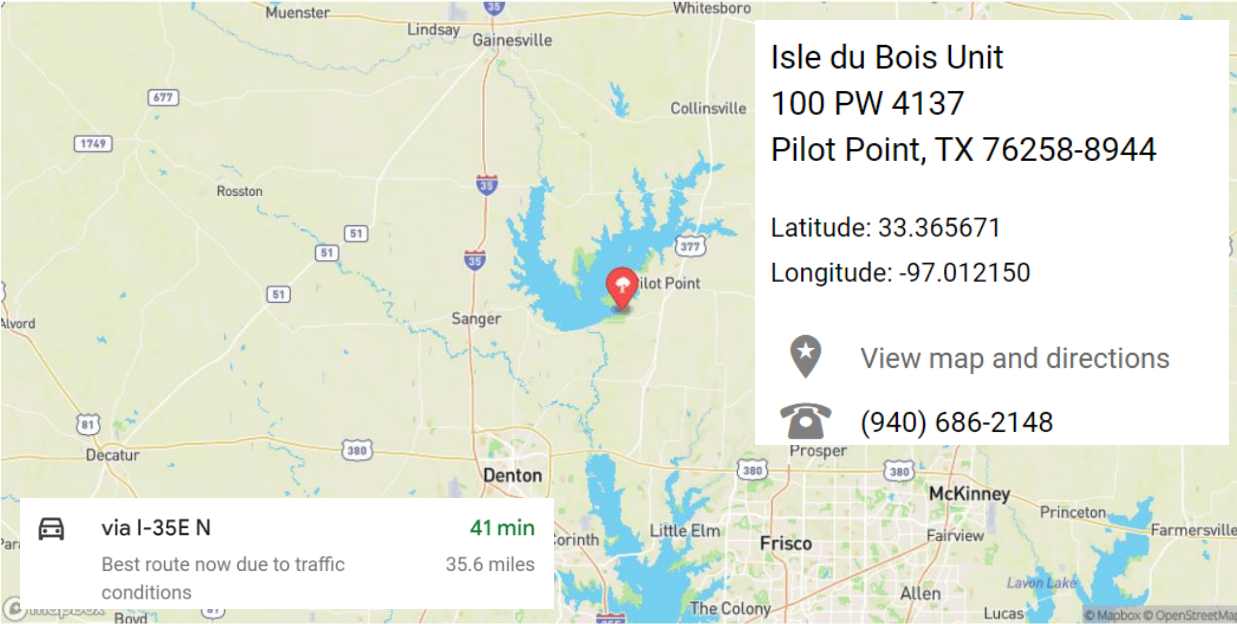
The Map






Ray Roberts Lake State Park


Reference:	K-3051
DXCC Entity:	United States Of America
Location(s):	US-TX
Latitude / Longitude:	33.3688, -97.0094 (EM13li)
Early Shift Award Times:	8:00 UTC to 14:00 UTC
Late Shift Award Times:	0:00 UTC to 8:00 UTC
Website:	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/ray-roberts-lake">https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/ray-roberts-lake</a>
Access Methods:	<div>Automobile</div>
Activation Methods:	<div>AutomobileCampgroundOtherPedestrianShelter</div>
Is Active?	ACTIVE




Isle du Bois Unit  
100 PW 4137  
Pilot Point, TX 76258-8944

Latitude: 33.365671  
Longitude: -97.012150

 View map and directions



 (940) 686-2148

 via I-35E N

Best route now due to traffic conditions

41 min  
35.6 miles

Activations

Date	Callsign	CW	Data	Phone	Total QSOs
2023-07-20	 KI5YGT	11	0	0	11
2023-07-19	 KI5YGT	14	0	0	14

Ray Roberts Lake





100  
— YEARS —

# Possum Kingdom

## State Park



TexasStateParks.org/App



TexasStateParks.org/SocialMedia

#TexasStateParks #BetterOutside

### PLEASE NOTE

- CHECK OUT time is 12 p.m. for campsites, 11 a.m. for cabins or renew permit by 9 a.m. (pending site availability).
- **PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OR DISPLAY OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IS PROHIBITED.**
- A maximum of eight people permitted per campsite. Four per site in primitive area. Guests must leave the park by 10 p.m. Quiet time is from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. Generators must be turned off during quiet hours.
- Campsite must be kept clean; all trash must be picked up before leaving. Dumpsters are conveniently located on all camping loops.
- GRAY WATER AND BLACK WATER MUST BE DISCHARGED ONLY AT DUMP STATIONS.
- Only one unit per site is permitted to hook up to utilities.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and attended at all times. Please pick up after them. No pets in or around cabin area.
- No tents in cabin area.

### SEE NATURE AT HER BEST

- Deer, wild turkey, raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, fox and bobcat.
- Exceptional birding opportunities.
- Native trees, plants, grasses and cacti.

### FIRES

- Gathering of firewood is prohibited.
- Campfires are permitted only in fire rings provided at each site. No ground fires are permitted. Please, use extreme caution with any burning materials during the high-fire danger summer brings.

### WATER ACTIVITIES

- Swim at your own risk. NO LIFEGUARD on duty.
- No pets or glass containers allowed in swimming area.
- Always swim with a friend. Children must be supervised by an adult who can swim.

### BOAT LAUNCH PROTOCOL

- Have your vessel ready to launch before getting to ramp area. Launch your vessel and clear the ramp area. Do not block ramp area.
- No boat clean-up or swimming in the ramp area.
- If your vessel will not start, clear the ramp area.
- Personal watercraft are not allowed in the swimming area and must observe the No Wake rules, particularly in the boat-launch area. Personal watercraft are not allowed to tie up in boat-launch area.
- Stop the spread of zebra mussels. CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY your boat.

### LEGEND

- ★ Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Primitive Campsites
- Water Only Tent Sites
- Water and Electric Sites
- Dump Station
- Cabins
- Hiking Trail
- Picnic Area
- Designated Swimming Area
- P Parking
- Boat Ramp
- Fishing Pier
- Fish Cleaning
- Playground
- Park Store
- Gas Pump
- Residence
- Maintenance

3901 Park Road 33  
P.O. Box 70  
Caddo, TX 76429  
(940) 549-1803



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### PARK RESERVATIONS

TexasStateParks.org ParquesDeTexas.org  
(512) 389-8900



TOYOTA

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Cedar Hill State Park

Reference: K-2996

DXCC Entity: United States Of America

Location(s): US-TX

Latitude / Longitude: 32.6195, -96.9837 (EM12mo)

Early Shift Award Times: 8:00 UTC to 14:00 UTC

Late Shift Award Times: 0:00 UTC to 8:00 UTC

Website: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/cedar-hill>

Access Methods: 

Automobile

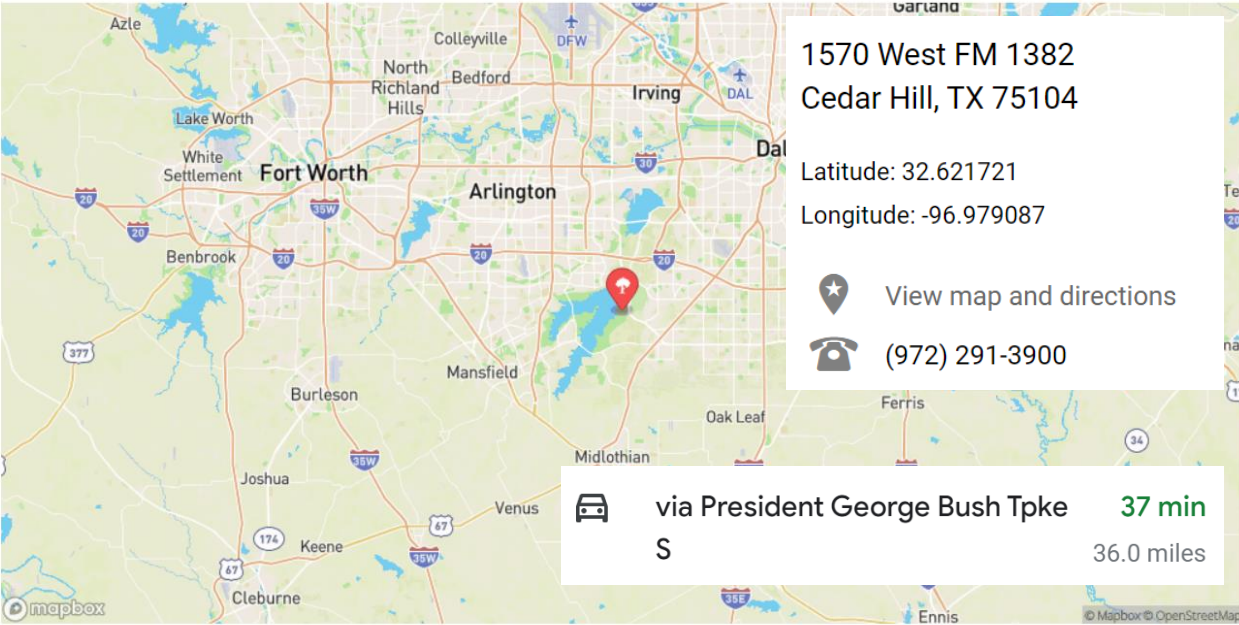
Activation Methods: 

Automobile

Other

Pedestrian

Is Active? ACTIVE



1570 West FM 1382  
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Latitude: 32.621721  
Longitude: -96.979087

View map and directions

(972) 291-3900

via President George Bush Tpke  
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37 min  
36.0 miles

Activations

Date	Callsign	CW	Data	Phone	Total QSOs
2023-07-20	K5MEC	0	0	98	98
2023-07-19	K5MEC	0	0	24	24

Cedar Hill



A top-down view of various construction and safety items laid out on a dark wooden surface. In the upper left is a yellow hard hat. Next to it are a pair of tan leather work gloves. To the right is a rolled-up white blueprint with technical drawings. Below the gloves is a pair of clear safety goggles. In the lower center is a yellow and black headlamp. To the right of the headlamp is a black and white headlamp. In the bottom right corner are several wooden rulers of different lengths. A portion of an orange safety vest and a brown leather work boot are visible on the far right.

## Notes and Comments

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- 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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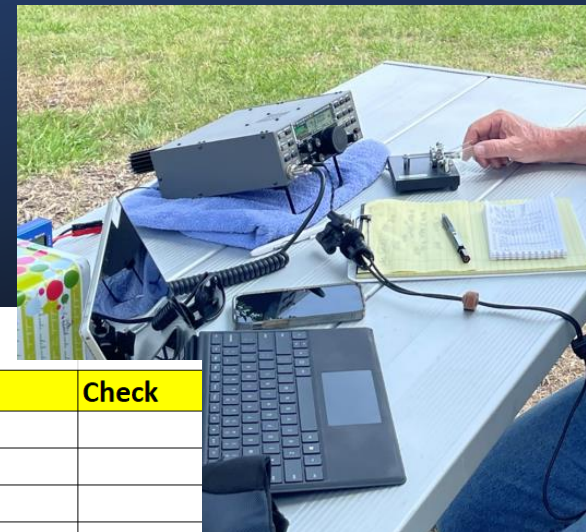


# Check List:

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 - chokes	
Coaxial - UHF/UHF - 40 ft	
Coaxial - BNC / UHF - 50 ft	
Coaxial - UHF/UHF - 50 ft	
Coaxial - UHF/UHF - 50 ft	
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!

