



## GET ON THE AIR!

Be a part of the most popular on-the-air operating event in amateur radio.

Join your local community and get in on the action!

**PARTICIPATE IN YOUR LOCAL  
ARRL FIELD DAY JUNE 22-23, 2024**

[www.arrl.org/fieldday](http://www.arrl.org/fieldday)

## What is ARRL Field Day? You're Invited!

Field Day is a radio communications event that brings together amateur radio operators (also called “hams”) within your community. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs get together with their clubs, groups, or friends to operate from remote locations.

It is a time when many aspects of amateur radio come together to highlight its many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate radio communications to the general public and organizations that amateur radio might serve in an emergency. For many radio clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights on their annual calendar.

The contest part involves contacting as many other stations as possible while learning to operate radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

These same skills are utilized to help with large, preplanned, non-emergency events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fundraisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades, and exhibits at fairs, malls, and museums.

Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they *are* so complex — ham radio has been called into action, again and again, to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Hams are well-known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

## What is ARRL?

With more than 150,000 members, ARRL is The National Association for Amateur Radio in the US. ARRL is the primary source of information and support for radio amateurs. ARRL provides books, news, information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes, and other benefits to its members.

## What is Amateur Radio?

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service is a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. It is made up of people who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data, and pictures through the airwaves to places near and far without depending on commercial systems. The amateur radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Not only can hams build and modify their equipment, but they can also create new ways to communicate via the airwaves — and do it as a globally connected community. Many people in the hobby form lifelong friendships with people they wouldn't have otherwise met. Many rock stars, Hollywood actors, and heads of state (and even your neighbor down the street) are ham radio operators. You can be, too! Get started at Field Day!



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