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WINTER FIELD DAY

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WINTER FIELD DAY JANUARY 27 & 28, 2024

19:00 UTC ON SATURDAY AND RUNNING THOUGH 18:59 ON SUNDAY
12:00 NOON LOCAL SATURDAY TO 11:59AM SUNDAY

<https://winterfieldday.com/>



WHAT IS WINTER FIELD DAY?

- Winter Field Day is a communications exercise.
- WFD is always held on the **last full weekend in January**.
- You can participate by yourself or get your friends, family, or whole club involved.
- WFD can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. **WARM!!!!**
- You can participate from the field. **COLD!!!!**
- Your choice
- It is a contest environment and not the same contact rules as “Summer” ARRL Field Day



WHY WINTER FIELD DAY?

- Ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operational concerns.
- Help increase your level of preparedness for unpredictable disasters and improve your operational skills in subpar conditions.
- Preparedness is the key to a professional and timely response during any event, fair weather or not.
- If you are as serious about emergency communications, as we are, join in during this yearly event. Surely you will find WFD to be a challenging yet exciting and rewarding event!



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HOW TO OPERATE

COMPLETE RULES ARE ON
[HTTPS://WINTERFELDDAY.COM/RULES.PHP](https://winterfeldday.com/rules.php)

- **Entry Class:** Your entry class is a number designated by the number of stations in your entry that are capable of simultaneous transmission.
- **Bands:** All Amateur bands except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters. To qualify as a band worked, at least 1 valid, two-way QSO must have taken place on the said band during the contest.
- **Modes:** CW, Phone (includes SSB, AM, FM, DMR, C4FM, etc. If the end result is voice, it's Phone), and Digital (includes PSK, RTTY, Olivia, Packet, SSTV, ATV, JS8Call and other soundcard modes. If the end result is text or a picture, it's digital).

CATEGORIES OF STATIONS

- **H = Home**: is defined as any station participating from their permanent livable residence or within 500ft of their Home regardless of operating inside or outside.
- **I = Indoor**: is defined as any station operating away from Home but from inside an insulated, weather-protected building or structure on a permanent foundation. Indoor stations typically have plumbing, heating/cooling, and running water. Church, EOCs, a club shack, a cabin, and community centers are all examples that would be Indoor.
- **O = Outdoor**: Outdoor stations are defined as operating from a partly or fully exposed building or shelter that does not typically have plumbing, heating/cooling, or running water available. Operating from a picnic table, park pavilion, tents, or under pop-up canopies are all places that could be considered outdoor. These are locations where you may have to provide your own heat source and/or protection from the elements.
- **M = Mobile** / Mobile Stationary: These stations are defined as operations from a mobile or potentially mobile structure like an RV, car, van, sailboat, cargo trailer, mobile EOC, ETC. These are operating positions that may offer some sort of built-in heating/cooling

EXCHANGE

- The designated WFD exchange is **your call sign**,
- Your Class (number of stations at location)
- Your Category (H, I, O or M)
- Your location identifier (CO)
- For ME ... W0HTH, 1Hotel, Charlie Oscar

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