

N4POW Winter Field Day 2020

Friday Jan 24
through
Sunday Jan 26



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This is N4POW

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Day!

Winter Field day is a new spin on the normal Field Day that happens in the summer. The idea is to learn about the effects of cold weather on antenna set-up and radio operations. Think Field Day “lite” with antennas that set-up quicker – since it will likely be cold outside!

Winter Field Day set-up will begin on Friday January 24 (10AM – 2PM) - we need helpers!!

Winter Field Day operation starts on Saturday January 25 at 2PM and runs continuously through Sunday January 26 until right around 12 noon.

Take down and clean-up will be on Sunday January 26 around 12 noon – we need helpers!!

Location will be at Powhatan State Park in Powhatan.

The entrance to the park is located off Old River Trail.

Once you turn into the park keep going until you see the large parking lot on the right.

Intersection of River Launch Rd and Powhatan State Park Rd.

Look for the Powhatan Mobile Command Center – that will be us!

We are very fortunate to have the awesome mobile command center that also has HEAT!

Yes – we will have the Italian Espresso machine again (got to stay awake...right 😊).

We plan on having two HF stations on the air for the event.

Station 1 will use a 130 ft ladder fed dipole (also known as a doublet).

Station 2 will use a 130 ft end fed wire.

We will be using some easy to use computer logging software (N3FJP) to keep track of our contacts.

Both stations are networked so they share the same logging information.

We run our winter field day event as a learning experience for all.

Come learn with us about HF operation, antennas, and being a part of a fun radio club.

If you are an experienced HF operator – great.

If you have never made an HF contact – that is also great – we will show you how!!

We especially need helpers on Friday & Sunday for the set-up and take down of the winter field day station.

You can sign up on ARES Connect for the Friday set-up of Winter Field Day.

Friday:

- Safety officer (say 1) to reduce hazards for participants and the public
- Antenna wranglers (say 2) to safely help get the HF antennas way up in the trees
- HF Station #1 deputies (say 1) to get station #1 set-up and tuned for operation
- HF Station #2 deputies (say 1) to get station #2 set-up and tuned for operation
- Command center assistants (say 1) to help set-up the mobile command center

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Saturday:

- Safety officer (say 1) to reduce hazards for participants and the public
- HF Station #1 operators (day time say 4 and night time say 3)
- HF Station #2 operators (day time say 4 and night time say 3)

Sunday:

- Safety officer (say 1) to reduce hazards for participants and the public
- HF Station #1 operators (day time say 3)
- HF Station #2 operators (day time say 3)
- Antenna wranglers (say 2) to safely bring down and coil up the HF antennas
- Command center assistants (say 1) to help take down the mobile command center

Mark your calendars and inform your boss(es) you need a little radio vacation time.....

Please email Tom Douglas “The Commander of Field Day Operations” if you can make a commitment to fill in one (or more!) of the Winter Field Day positions. He can be reached at mytanradio2@gmail.com.

Please include the following details in your email:

- 1.) The position you are interested in
- 2.) Your first and last name
- 3.) Your call sign (if you don't have one that is fine too!)
- 4.) A contact phone number

More info to come about this awesome event – Hope to see you there!