

GOTA Scripts:

There are two ways of making a Field Day contact. The first involves calling "CQ". CQ means "I seek you", and means you will listen for anyone to return your call. The other technique involves tuning around the band looking for other stations that are calling CQ. In general, picking a frequency and calling CQ is the best way to make contacts quickly.

Assuming W1SYE (your Callsign) is going to call CQ on a frequency that is not in use by someone else, say the following:

C Q Field Day, C Q Field Day, This is Whiskey One Sierra Yankee Echo, Whiskey One Sierra Yankee Echo, Field Day.

A "normal" contact will work like this. Someone, say Whiskey One Alpha Whiskey (W1AW), will answer your call by simply giving their callsign like this:

Whiskey One Alpha Whiskey

When you hear the other person coming back to you write down their Callsign in the log and say the following:

W 1 A W This is W 1 S Y E Two Alpha Rhode Island Over.

The other station will confirm receipt of your information by saying something like this:

W 1 S Y E Q S L. I am Four Echo Connecticut Over

"QSL" means they copied your report. Add their exchange next to their Callsign in the GOTA Log. After logging the contact, say the following:

W 1 A W Q S L. Good Luck. This is Whiskey One Sierra Yankee Echo, Field Day.

And start listening for other stations all over again!

When something goes wrong:

You can't make out the other persons call sign, but you can hear a few letters.

Say something like this:

Station beginning with Whiskey Bravo, again please

Station ending in November, again please

Station with the letter Sierra, again please

They ask you to repeat your report. Say something like:

<Other Station Callsign> My Report is Two Alpha Rhode Island. Q S L ?

You don't hear their report. Say the following:

<Other Call Sign> Please Repeat your Report. Over

GOTA Log:

All contacts must be written down on GOTA log sheets. The person operating the radio (you) must sign the log sheet and date it. Also please indicate if you are under the age of 18. The person who is coaching you will Sign their name and enter their call sign on the log sheet. They will also indicate the Band (80m, 40m, 15m, etc.) and mode (SSB most of the time).

You will fill in the Callsign and report from the other station.

We encourage you to work 20 stations, which will take about a half-hour.