

ARRL Field Day 2018

- **FD is Amateur radio's largest and most popular annual event**
 - **30,000+ participants**
 - **2,000+ off-grid field stations on the air in 50 states + Canada**
- **NCRC's FD Site is Portsmouth's Glen Park**
 - **Thanks to the Town of Portsmouth for the use of this superb site**
- **NCRC will be operating in the 2A Category**
 - **2A is by far the most competitive FD Category**
 - **400 entrants in 2A – many are long-time perennial competitors**
 - **NCRC typically ranks in the Top Ten of the 2A Category**
- **NCRC FD is a complex operation with many moving parts**
 - **Safety is our Number 1 Priority**
 - **“Something for everyone” is our goal – Family friendly**
 - **FD 2018 planning began in June 2017**
 - **Operations organized on ICS principles**

NCRC ARRL Field Day 2018 – Operational Units

- **Infrastructure / Construction Unit – Willy Maclean W1LY**
- **Feeding Unit – Ed Gosling W1NQH**
- **GOTA Unit – Dave Brown KC1GPA**
- **VHF Unit – Chuck Kesson N1CKT**
- **HF Unit – John King WA1ABI**
- **Satellite Unit – Bob Beatty WB4SON**
- **Safety Officer – Bruce Manning NJ3K**

NCRC ARRL Field Day 2018 – Stations

- **Get On The Air (GOTA) Station – SSB voice (HF)**
This is the station for new hams and prospective hams. Anyone licensed within the past year may operate. Unlicensed people may operate under the supervision of a control operator. Coaches will be on duty at all times.
- **VHF Station – SSB Voice or CW - operator's choice (Digital possible?)**
Any licensed ham may operate this station. Primary operations will be on 6 meters. Operation is permitted on any band above 50 MHz. Seats available for anyone wishing to operate.
- **Fone Station – Primarily SSB Voice plus CW shift (HF)**
Rapid-fire contest operation for seasoned contest operators. Some seats may be available. Previous contest experience required.
- **CW Station – CW only (HF)**
Rapid-fire CW contest operation for seasoned CW contest operators. Fully subscribed.

NCRC ARRL Field Day 2018 - Schedule

- **Thursday Jun 21 – Staging. Large items delivered to site.**
- **Friday Jun 22**
 - **08:00 – Dusk:**
 - **All antennas and towers assembled and erected.**
 - **All tents set up.**
 - **Transmission lines run from tents to antennas. RF testing.**
 - **Kitchen stocked. Food prep (offsite.)**
- **Saturday Jun 23**
 - **09:00 – 12:00 - Final Setup (Radios, generators, power cables.)**
 - **14:00 - Commence 24-hour FD operations (Four stations.)**
 - **15:00 - Educational Activity**
 - **18:00 - Family picnic**
- **Sunday Jun 24**
 - **Conclude FD operations at 14:00**
 - **Demobilize and return site to better than as-found condition.**
 - **Clear of site by 18:00**

