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There are two ways of making a Field Day contact.

The first is calling "CQ" on an unused frequency. CQ means "I seek you" and "I will listen for anyone to return my call". In general, picking a frequency and calling CQ is the best way to make contacts quickly.

The other technique involves tuning around the band looking for other stations that are calling CQ. Time spent looking around is wasted unless no one responds after many tries.

The GOTA plan is to use the first technique with call sign NE1RI

Say the following after pressing the transmit switch (Push to Talk button on the microphone) or as directed by your Coach.

**C Q Field Day C Q Field Day This is November Echo One Romeo India
November Echo One Romeo India Field Day**

Then release the transmit switch.

A "normal" contact will work like this -- Another radio station will answer your CQ call by simply giving their call sign. For example, station W1AW will say,

Whiskey One Alpha Whiskey

When you hear the other person say this, write down their callsign as W1AW. This can take some practice and you may not hear it perfectly.

You then press the transmit switch again and say

W1AW This is NE1RI Two Alpha Rhode Island Over

The other station will confirm receipt of your information by saying

NE1RI QSL I am Four Echo Connecticut Over

"QSL" means the copied the report. After logging the contact, say

W1AW QSL November Echo One Romeo India Field Day

And start listening for other stations again. Wait a few seconds, and if nothing is heard, start at CQ again.

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Radio operation is not perfect and when something goes wrong like:

- **You can't make out the other person's call sign** but you can hear a few letters.
Reply by saying something like:

Station beginning with Whiskey Bravo again please

or

Station ending in November again please

or

Station with the letter Sierra again please

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

< Other station Call Sign > My Report is Two Alpha Rhode Island QSL

Example: <Kilo One Lima Yankee > My Report is Two Alpha Rhode Island QSL

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

< Other station Call Sign > Please repeat your report Over

Once the information has been captured, end the contact with

< Other station Call Sign > QSL November Echo One Romeo India Field Day

GOTA Log:

Contact data, Call sign and report, must be written down on GOTA log sheet and recorded in the logging computer by the coach or other logger. The person operating the radio [you], must sign the log sheet and date it. Also please indicate if you are 18 years old or younger.

The person who is coaching you will sign their name and enter their call sign on the log sheet along with the BAND (80m, 40m, 20m, 15 m etc.) and the mode (mostly SSB[Phone], but other modes like FT4[digital] and CW[Morse code]) are used as determined by the GOTA coach.

We encourage you to work as many stations as possible during your shift. A QSO rate of 60 per hour is possible and can even be exceeded if stations are trying to contact NE1RI.

If you are not licensed, the transmitter is under control of the coach. Please know that the coach is the responsible individual for proper station operation.