



Field Day 2022

JUNE 25TH AND 26TH PIKE COMMUNITY CAMPGROUND

TALK IN 146.550 SIMPLEX

Not that far away
Here we go !

Objective

- ▶ To contact as many stations as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20,15 and 10 Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions
- ▶ Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries



Unlicensed and Technicians can kick the HF tires

Objective

- ▶ Have fun and keep the squelch loose
- ▶ Be safe
- ▶ Eat good food, meet old friends, and make new friends
- ▶ Learn how to operate under less-than-ideal conditions
- ▶ Improve operating and logging skills
- ▶ Technician and unlicensed can get on the air
 - ▶ What's the big deal about HF?



Keep the squelch loose
But turn the RF gain down
The ultimate POTA / SOTA activation

Things will go wrong. Overcome and adapt.

Pike Community Group Campground

► Directions

- From the I-25 and Highway 24 intersection in Colorado Springs, Colorado, travel west on Highway 24 for about 18 miles to the junction with Highway 67 in Woodland Park. Turn right (north) on Highway 67 and drive 5.7 miles. The campground is on the right side of the road across from South Meadows Campground.
- <https://goo.gl/maps/14RXFyoT3d5EHRgX8>



Weather

- ▶ Typical Colorado Mountain Weather
- ▶ Warm and sunny
 - ▶ Sunscreen, bug spray
 - ▶ Stay hydrated
- ▶ Cool nights
 - ▶ Tent campers be prepared
- ▶ Rain and thunderstorms
 - ▶ Always a threat. Be prepared
 - ▶ Bring extra clothes and a jacket



Hot, cold, dry, wet

Have had snow in the past

Damp and wet most of last year

Schedule

- ▶ Wednesday
 - ▶ Anytime after 2 PM
- ▶ Thursday
 - ▶ Hike and operate
- ▶ Friday
 - ▶ Setup operating stations (8am – Noon)
 - ▶ Hike and operate



You can show up starting Wednesday afternoon
Need to be out by noon Sunday

Schedule

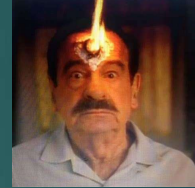
- ▶ Saturday
 - ▶ 8 AM – Safety briefing and finish setting up
 - ▶ Noon – FD start
 - ▶ 6:30 PM – BBQ Dinner
 - ▶ Door prize drawing(s)
 - ▶ 10 PM – Camp quiet time starts
- ▶ Sunday
 - ▶ 7 AM – End quiet time
 - ▶ 10 AM – Start tear down



Saturday will be busy
Get there early (Friday) if you want to help
Need someone to manage parking

Safety

- ▶ Everyone responsible
 - ▶ Firepit
 - ▶ Children do not handle axes
 - ▶ Keep sticks in the fire. No Dennis the Menace incidents
 - ▶ Pets
 - ▶ Must stay on leash
 - ▶ No discharge of firearms in or near campground
 - ▶ Safe storage of flammables
 - ▶ Smoking on the paved areas only
- ▶ Ticks and other biting / stinging critters



Safety is every bodies responsibility

Teller county has an open fire ban – May be able to have a fire

Parents watch your children. Your responsibility!

Very dry with heavy pine needle coverage

Check for ticks !

Don't feed the wildlife

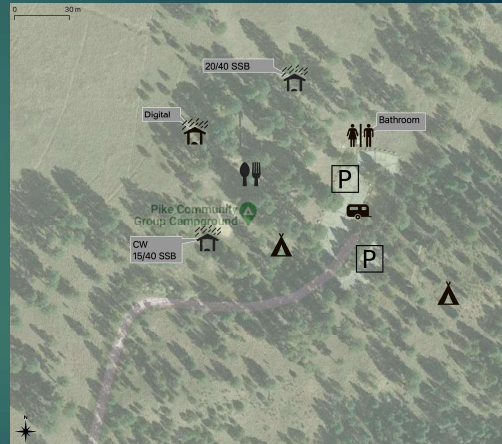
Playground was closed

Watch out for barbed wire 😊

DON'T BE 'THAT GUY'!

Camping

- ▶ Trailer camping
 - ▶ Trailers on lower pad
 - ▶ Tow vehicles on upper pad
- ▶ Tent camping
 - ▶ Parking on lower pad
 - ▶ May need to carry gear up to 100 yards
 - ▶ Plenty of good spots in around the main area
 - ▶ Ask for help if needed
- ▶ BYOC (Bring your own chair)



All of the RV spots are reserved *

Colorado campground and South Meadows campground

- Not reservable
- May have first come first served
 - Get there EARLY Friday or Thursday for best chance
- Water spigot worked, not sure of potability
- Pit toilet
- Dumpster

Day trippers

- ▶ Please carpool
- ▶ Parking on lower pad, near main activities
- ▶ Parking in designated spots only
 - ▶ No off road parking



Car pool!

No drinking and driving.

It will be a long day, plan accordingly.

Field Day Needs

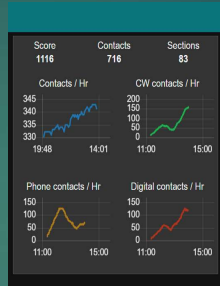
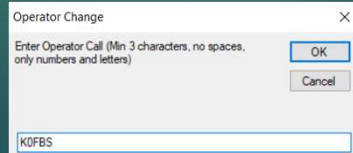
- ▶ Batteries
 - ▶ Charged with Power Poles
- ▶ Tables / Chairs
- ▶ Portable lights
- ▶ Portable Propane heaters with propane tanks / cans
- ▶ Fire extinguishers
- ▶ Antenna launcher(s)
- ▶ Make sure to put your name on everything you bring!



Will not install Power Poles!
Test everything you bring
Put name on your stuff

What's new

- ▶ Special Callsign
 - ▶ W0C
- ▶ Real time stats
 - ▶ <https://acme.nn0g.blog>
- ▶ POTA
 - ▶ K0PRA POTA Registered
 - ▶ 'OPON' to get credit (ΛO)



Live feed from our N1MM
Updates every 15 seconds or so
Dummy data in there now

Food

- ▶ BBQ at 6:30 PM
- ▶ Club provided
- ▶ Short menu
 - ▶ BBQ Pork
 - ▶ Beans
 - ▶ Slaw
 - ▶ Macaroni and potato salads
 - ▶ Hot dogs for the kiddies
 - ▶ Dessert



The only food PRA provides is dinner on Saturday

Bring your own food

Central cooking area

May or may not be able to have open fires (BBQ grill)

Consider bringing gas stoves

Stations

- ▶ Station 1
 - ▶ SSB on 20/80 M
- ▶ Station 2
 - ▶ SSB on 15/40, CW All bands
- ▶ Station 3
 - ▶ Digital. All bands
- ▶ GOTA
 - ▶ Jeff / N0GQ



Not much has changed from last year

Station 2 can operate CW on any band, otherwise 15/40 meters phone.

GOTA – N0GQ

No set schedule. Let us know if you have a specific time

Pick your team mate wisely

Contacts - 1224 (2021), 1303 (2000), 1070 (2019)*

Let's shoot for 1600+ - Will need overnight crews

FD exchange

- ▶ 'Running'
 - ▶ (W0C) CQ Field Day Whiskey Zero Charlie
 - ▶ (W1AW) Whiskey One Alpha Whiskey
 - ▶ (W0C) Whiskey One Alpha Whiskey – 3 Alpha Colorado
 - ▶ (W1AW) 1B Connecticut
- ▶ Short and sweet
- ▶ Get into a rhythm
- ▶ Don't be a Noob!
 - ▶ Please copy blah blah blah
 - ▶ W1AW DE W0C



Keep it simple

Get into a rhythm

Avoid "Please copy"

Avoid "W1AW de W0C" They know who is calling

It's a dollar in the kitty ;-)

Listen to their rhythm, especially the spaces between their CQ or exchange

S&P – (W0C) Whiskey Zero Charlie

(W1AW) Whiskey Zero Charlie One Bravo Connecticut

(W0C) Three Alpha Colorado

Move on if there is a pile up and if they don't hear you when they should

Running station will be there when you come back

Breakdown

- ▶ Must be out by noon
- ▶ Break down will start after breakfast
- ▶ Last QSO at or about 10 am



Will probably start tearing down nonessential items early

Will keep operating as long as possible. Ended fairly early last year.

More information

- ▶ Parkerradio.org
 - ▶ Forum
 - ▶ Contests and Special Events – Field Day 2022 Planning Thread
 - ▶ CW and Digital training video
 - ▶ Field Day info flier
 - ▶ Other
- ▶ Weekly Analog Net
- ▶ Email me nn0g@arrl.net
- ▶ Call me – 303.882.5726
- ▶ When in doubt, ask!



Forum site

Email or phone

Analog net Tuesday at 8 *

Credits and Questions

Thank you!

- ▶ Paul AC5S - Elmer
- ▶ Scott AK6Q - Elmer
- ▶ Randy K0TNG - Elmer
- ▶ Jeff N0GQ - Committee
- ▶ Bob W0PFJ - Committee
- ▶ Brian K0FBS - Committee
- ▶ Wayne N0AD - Cooking
- ▶ Jeff AB0L – IT Support
- ▶ Brad W0BDT – Digital station

Questions

