

# The Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association invites you to its Field Day



**ARRL Field Day**  
ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a competitive event designed to simulate an emergency where Amateur Radio operators, commonly known as hams, set up radio equipment in the field to compete for points, to test the readiness of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications, and a chance to meet new friends and test the limits of our hobby.

Field Day is the annual "shakedown" for the American Radio Relay League's (ARRL) national Field Organization. The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communication networks in times of floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, and other major disasters. Members of formal emergency organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES) regularly participate in this activity. The ARRL estimates that more than 35,000 hams participate in Field Day every year.

Field Day is a way for hams to get outdoors and have fun under some difficult conditions, but it's also a chance for us to fine tune our emergency communication skills. We will use power provided by batteries and portable electrical generators, and set up our equipment in the field. The idea is to put together a self-sufficient station quickly and simulate the handling of a high volume of communication traffic (messages) by making as many contacts as possible with other hams during the event.

Field Day occurs annually on the fourth full weekend of June. It begins at 18:00 UTC Saturday and ends at 21:00 UTC Sunday.

**\*\*\*\*SO SAVE THE DATES JUNE 22 and 23, 2019 \*\*\*\***

This year the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association will host this year's Field Day. Cost to gain entrance to the Park is \$1.50 cash per person. Those 5 years old and younger are free. When you pay for your admission, remember to get a ticket so you can leave and enter the park throughout that day.



For those children 12 years and younger who make only one (1) contact at the GOTA station they will get a free hotdog, soda and chips.



## For More Field Day Information Contact:

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## Directions:

Quiet Waters Park is located at 401 S. Powerline Rd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442. From I-95, exit at Hillsboro Boulevard and go west. Turn left (south) on Powerline Road. The park entrance is on the right (west) side between Hillsboro Boulevard and S.W. 10th Street.

From U.S. 441 (State Road 7), go east on Hillsboro Boulevard. Turn right (south) on Powerline Road. The park entrance is on the right (west) side between Hillsboro Boulevard and S.W. 10th Street.

This year, we will be holding our Field Day in the Park's main Corporate Pavilion, the Bald Eagle Pavilion. This is the largest site in the Park, seating up to 225 persons & bathrooms attached.

Once in the park - follow the posted signs