Carl Schultz, WF6J, ARRL Public Information Officer Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club Sacramento & Auburn, CA 916-862-6802 cell info@w6ek.org http://www.w6ek.org

Field Day to be held at Nyack, CA June 23 – 24, 2018

April, 2018 – Auburn, California - Field Day, June 23 & 24, is an annual amateur radio exercise encouraging emergency communications preparedness among amateur radio operators across the country. It is typically the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in the United States.

City officials around the Country know Amateur Radio Operators (Ham Radio) plays a crucial role in emergency communications. They realize how vital amateur radio operators can be in times of disaster even with today's technology.

At Field Day, Ham operators use ingenuity and technical know-how to erect antennas and world wide communications stations. Ham operators presume loss of AC power and stand ready with elaborate solar, battery backup or generators.

The stations will use several "modes" of communications: CW (Morse code), Digital, Sideband (Voice) to talk directly or via satellites to other persons and stations.

However while Field Day is a great test of preparedness, it is not all work but a summer tradition to show the public this capability and allow them to talk to other people and enjoy using the radio.

SFARC will feature a "GOTA" station at the front of our camping area from 11am – 6pm, Saturday the 23rd. This stands for Get On The Air. Everyone is invited to come out to view Field Day, see our equipment and antennas, meet our operators and to talk to other groups around the country, the world or even the ISS (International Space Station).

Everyone is welcome to visit and learn about Amateur (Ham) Radio. Bring the whole Family! See our website or the ARRL site: http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018%20FD%20Flier.pdf

You can visit the SFARC Field Day site by taking I 80 to the Nyack exit (# 156). Turn south and you will see a Shell Station and Burger King. The W6EK Field Day Site is directly across from the stores. Please look for our Field Day signs.