

The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club

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MEDIA ADVISORY Placer County Ham Radio Operators On the Air for Nationwide Event June 24 – 26

Ham radio operators from the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (SFARC) will be participating in a national amateur radio exercise, June 24 – 26 at the Georgetown Airport, 6245 Aerodrome Way, Georgetown, CA 95634. The event is <u>ARRL Field Day</u> (<u>www.arrl.org/FieldDay</u>), an annual amateur radio activity organized since 1933 by ARRL, the national association for amateur radio in the United States.

Hams from across North America ordinarily participate in Field Day by establishing temporary ham radio stations in public locations to demonstrate their skill and service. Their use of radio signals, which reach beyond borders, bring people together while providing essential communication in the service of communities. Field Day highlights ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent, wireless communications network.

"ARRL Field Day is the biggest event of the year for the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (SFARC)" said Jeff Morgan, president of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (KN6RGO). "It's thrilling to see the members pull together for set up and tear down, but also very exciting to get on the air and work all bands and modes." Morgan added.

In addition to raising awareness of the hobby, the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio club will be hosting volunteer examination sessions during the weekend event to license new ham radio operators. This isn't that "old hobby" where your mom, dad, grandpa, or grandma used to talk to people on a "CB radio", it's so much more. If you've ever been interested in emergency preparedness and radio communication, come pay us a visit and learn more.

The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio club of Auburn, California was founded in 1958 to support and promote the Amateur Radio Service. We are a voluntary, non-profit association of licensed amateur radio operators and others who share interests in developing and promoting the knowledge and advancement of operating techniques and the technical skills related to radio communications. We accomplish these goals through training and practical experience in the Amateur Radio Service, participation in public safety exercises, and through emergency preparedness and international goodwill.

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