



The Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club

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MEDIA ADVISORY

'Be Prepared' And Learn More About Amateur 'Ham' Radio And How To Get Licensed!

Ham radio operators from the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club (SFARC) of Placer County will be participating in the national ARRL Field Day (www.arrl.org/FieldDay), an annual amateur radio exercise taking place June 24 – 25 at the Georgetown Airport, 6245 Aerodrome Way, Georgetown, CA 95634. Field Day was established in 1933 and is a great way to learn how to communicate long distances in times of local and national emergencies as well as meet new people worldwide. 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.

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" said Jeff Morgan (KN6RGO), President of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club. "We're excited to offer an opportunity to not only learn more about how amateur radio can be used in times of need but also get licensed" Morgan added. "So often Amateur Radio is confused with CB radio but it's so much more." said Mike 'Smitty' Smith (WB1G), Public Relations Officer of the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club. "Not only can you communicate much further distances, you can send text messages and emails with no local Internet or mobile service" Smitty added.

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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