

CMARA Field Day 2025

May Update

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Differences Since Last Year

- NEW LOCATION – Trout Brook Recreation Area in Holden
 - Lodge and pavilion are rented to us
 - Rest of the park will remain open to the public per normal park hours
- Big emphasis on public display and demo, GOTA, etc. this year
- Otherwise, same plan as before

Trout Brook Rec. Area Layout



Trout Brook Event Area



Pavillion Roof



Considerations with Trout Brook

- Full public access to the event area
- Hikers, dog walkers, etc. will be walking straight through the area
- Pavillion is rented to us, but is relatively unsecure from public access
- Lodge is rented to us and is relatively secure from public access
- Pavillion by itself is NOT a good rain shelter

Public Relations Campaign

- KC1SDL and WK1H to lead up
- Goal is to get more people interested in amateur radio and in CMARA
- Emphasis on:
 - Public Service
 - Technology
 - Education
 - Comradery and good world citizenship
 - Membership in CMARA, ARRL

PR Campaign Schedule

- Beginning of June
 - Send press release to media outlets
 - Send email invites to VIPs
 - Post event to various community event calendars
 - First volley of posts to social media
- ~1.5 weeks before FD
 - Second volley of posts to social media
 - Posters in public locations
- 3 – 4 days before FD
 - Third volley of posts to social media
 - Reminder emails to VIPs and media outlets

Open House Sat. Afternoon

- Advertised public open house, suggested VIP and media visit timeframe will be Saturday from 2 PM – 6 PM
 - No guarantees we'll be able to hold all media and VIPs to that timeframe
- Please dress with comfort, safety and presentability to the public in mind

Food / Cook Tent

- Club to provide Saturday lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast
- Tiger team approach
 - Worked really well last couple years
 - Repeat what we did with minimal tweaks
- Use of Trout Brook lodge
 - Fridge, microwave, tables and chairs for ~30
 - WK1H to bring grill

Band Captains

- Organizes the setup of a singular radio for operation on a singular band
 - Radios, antenna and ALL accys
 - Table, chairs, tenting
 - Laptop with cable to radio and latest N1MM
- Not responsible for providing the radio operators for that station
- Likely staying with Class 3A + GOTA

Event Operations Schedule

- Sign up form asks:
 - Participant availability
 - Band/mode preferences
 - Any other roles you want to fill
- FD coordinator will create and publish an operating schedule
- Feel free to let the coordinator know about any special conditions

Example Operations Schedule

Call Sign	Setup Before 2 PM	Sat Afternoon 2 PM - 7 PM	Sat Evening 7 PM - 12 AM	Overnight 12 AM - 8 AM	Sun Morning 8 AM - 2 PM	Teardown After 2 PM
AB1C	X	Safety Officer	Safety Officer	Safety Officer	Safety Officer	X
W1ABC					40M	
K1ABC	X	15M	15M			
N1ABC			80M	80M	80M	X
KB1ABC	X	Cook Tent			Cook Tent	X
KC1ABC	X	20M		40M		X

Filled Special Roles

- PC Networking / N1MM
 - Assigned to N1TJC
 - Unlike previous years, no existing WiFi at Trout Brook
- Education Activity
 - Assigned to WA1JXR and W1BNC
 - Subject TBD?
- Safety Officer
 - Assigned to KC1MMT
 - IMPORTANT DUE TO INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC

Special Role: GOTA Coach

- UNASSIGNED
- Be the Band Captain for the GOTA station
- Also be willing and able to work with newly licensed or unlicensed people and get them to make a few QSOs
- Needs to be present both days and/or whenever the GOTA station is intended to be busy

Special Role: NTS Messages

- UNASSIGNED
- 1 NTS message to WMA SM AA1SE
- 10 NTS messages originated, relayed or received during the event
- Traffic nets generally used
 - 9 PM - Central MA 2M Net - W1BIM repeater
 - 10 PM - Heavy Hitters - MMRA repeaters
 - 8:30 AM - WMA ARES Net - 3944 kHz

Special Role: Alternate Power

- UNASSIGNED
- 5 QSOs on a radio not using commercial AC or a generator
- Solar, wind, methane or water turbine power generally used
- Batteries must be charged up from fully discharged state using one of these sources

Special Role: W1AW Bulletin

- UNASSIGNED
- Try to copy it Friday night
 - Schedule on the ARRL's FD page
- If not, FD coordinator will interrupt radio operations at various times over the weekend to have ops tune in and copy the message until we get a solid copy

Special Role: Satellite QSO

- UNASSIGNED
- Make at least one QSO via amateur radio satellite
- Would also help give credence to our new relationship with the EcoTarium

Next Steps

- Sign up!
- Execute PR campaign
- Recruit more participants!
- June meeting
- Recruit more participants!
- Final info sent out 3 days before event
- Recruit more participants!
- SHOW UP, SET UP, OPERATE, HAVE FUN

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
DISCUSSION?