

# 2026 Field Day Plans

## Baton Rouge ARC

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LOCATION: Highland Road Park Observatory

DATES: June 27 & 28

- Staging: 5PM-8PM Friday June 26
- Setup: 7AM – noon, Sat June 27
- Operating: 1PM Saturday to 1PM Sunday (24 hours)

TEAMS:

- Equipment – deliver club equipment on Friday to HRPO
- Antennas – Set up antennas Sat morning
- Coax & Power – Test & dress coax cables, set up charging area with generator
- Logistics – Food and beverage, meals
- Public Affairs – Sat AM and PM (2-10) Greet visitors, served agencies, do social media
- Troubleshooting – radios, etc, extra parts

STAGING: 5PM - 8 PM, Friday June 26

- Drop off equipment, especially radios, coax, filters
- Set up AD5XY tribander
- Set up radios and logging computers

SETUP: 7AM - noon, June 27

- Raise HF antennas, run coax, dress coax inside observatory
- Set up public information booth
- Set up charging station
- Set out food and beverages
- Configure and test radios

TEARDOWN: Sun June 28 1-3 PM

- Pack up equipment, clean up observatory

- Eat watermelon. Go home and sleep.

## OPERATING

- 3A category (3 HF 100W stations, A=club) using W5GIX call
- 2 people per HF station, one logs and one operates. One must have General or higher license.
- Over the ear headphones for both operators strongly suggested.
- Get On The Air (GOTA) station using K5LSU call. Intended for public use, new/inactive hams
- 6M station can be operated by Tech license. Still suggest 2 operators.
- Public will attend from 2PM to 10PM Sat. We may also have visits from public officials, media and served agencies like Red Cross

## EQUIPMENT

- up to 3 HF 100W Radios (supplied by club, but spares are useful). All modes CW/SSB/Digi welcome. These radios will have band-pass filters (supplied by club) so they can use the triband Yagi simultaneously. The laptop for a digital mode must run on emergency power.
- 1 HF Radio for the GOTA station (supplied by LSU Club)
- VHF/UHF Station? Satellite station?
- All radio power cords should be min 14 ga wire, fused, with PowerPole connectors.
- Club has coax, but may need more.
- Need 2 antennas for each of 10/15/20/40/80 m. Have 10/15/20 Yagi from AD5XY.
- Will need devices to launch antenna cords into trees. Cord=paracord or braided twice.
- 6 Deep Cycle Batteries (> 60 Ah) or LiFePO4 (> 20 Ah) to power the radios. Batteries must have cords with 14 ga wire, fused and powerpole connectors. Contact AD5VC if you don't have cords like that.
- Gas generator and fuel.
- At least 3 high-current battery chargers (>10 A). If you are bringing a LiFePO4 battery, bring the appropriate charger.

## FOOD

- Club will provide Saturday dinner, snacks, ice, drinks?
- Will need Sunday breakfast.

## SUPPLIES

- SWR Meter, Gaff Tape, Power Strips, Y-splitters for headphones (3/8 stereo or phone), barrel connectors, coax adapters

## HF STATION OPERATING

- Best with both an operator and a logger. One must have a General license or higher to act as control operator. Unlicensed operator can participate in contacts if control op present.

#### GOTA STATION

- Public will attend from 2PM to 10PM Saturday, so they will use the GOTA station with a coach.
- After that, hams licensed less than 1 year, Techs (with control op present) and other inactive hams may use the station. Everyone may also participate at the 3 HF stations.

#### LOGGING

- Use club's copy of N3FJP Field Day Log over a local mesh network. AD5VC will handle software and network setup.
- Laptops running Win 7 or later, with either wired ethernet port or adapter.
- No Macs, Tablets, Phones, Linux.
- 3 HF and VHF/Sat station log together. GOTA log is separate.
- Laptops for just for logging can use commercial power.

EXTRA CREDIT ACTIVITIES contact AD5VC or [arrl.org/field-day-rules](http://arrl.org/field-day-rules) for details

- Public Information Table
- Satellite contacts
- Recording Radio Bulletin from W1AW
- Doing Solar or Wind-powered QSOs
- Sending Message to our Section Manager
- Sending properly formatted messages over NTS
- Educational Activities
- Social media posting during operations (use #ARRLFD hashtag)
- Safety Officer ensuring no trip hazards from coax or guy wires, proper storage of fuel

#### OTHER JOBS

- Photographing club activity
- Public Greeters - be sure to be able to talk at the level of the general public
- Run errands during Setup

A complete description of the Field Day rules are at

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-rules>

For more information, you can contact Dana AD5VC at 225-907-5549 or [ad5vc@yahoo.com](mailto:ad5vc@yahoo.com)

To let us know what you are willing to bring or participate in, fill out the form at

[BRARC Field Day Signup](#)

or use this QR code

