

Field Day Activities

The schedule:

Friday, June 22

Start setup: 1100
Gate Closes: 1630
Dinner: 1900 (hot pot luck)

Saturday, June 23

Breakfast: 0800 - 0900-ish
Gate Opens: 1000
Start Operating: 1100
Lunch: 1200
Gate Closes: 1630
Dinner: 1900 (hot or leftovers pot luck)

Sunday, June 24

Breakfast: 0800 - 0900-ish
Gate Opens: 1000
End Operating: 1100
Lunch: 1200
Take Down: 1100 to 1500

The ABARC will supply some food items (ham, water, juices, snacks). Please bring food to share during the time you are there.

The Point Arena Lighthouse gate opens at 10 AM and closes at 4:30 PM each day.

We are not allowed to enter the grounds (where our house is) between 4:30 PM and 10 AM the next day. However, we can leave the grounds if we are there past 4:30 PM.

What this means is that everyone who comes to the first day of the ABARC Field Day will need to arrive on Friday by 4:30 PM. If you stay past 4:30 PM (e.g., for the pot luck at 7 PM), you may leave, but you cannot enter the grounds after 4:30 PM. We need to observe this rule to keep on good terms with the lighthouse management.

On Saturday, please don't arrive before 10 AM. The same 4:30 PM rule applies that day too. On Sunday, again, please don't enter until 10 AM. Of course, for those who stay over on one or both of the nights, there is no problem.

At all times, we should be quiet and respectful of the other renters who will probably have no idea what we are doing.

Part of Field Day is learning things! During the three days we are at the lighthouse, we will put up an HF antenna and set up a station. There is a lot to learn in this process.

If there is interest and time allowing, we will also do some training on the following topics:

1. Knots for ham radio.
2. Introduction to Software Defined Radio.
3. How to measure the RF power coming out of your radio.
4. How to use an antenna analyzer.
5. How to program an VHF radio using a computer.
6. More, depending upon your interests.