



# RURAL IOWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



## “FIELD DAY” Saturday and Sunday June 25-26, 2011

**LOCATION:** North Woods County Park. Located 1 mile north of Sumner, IA in Bremer County on County Road V62 (Pleasant Street in Sumner)

**Local Repeater:** 147.345 +

All amateur radio operators are welcome. We will have enough stations setup for everyone to operate as much as they desire, if you desire to work CW please bring your favorite key. If want to bring your own equipment we will have plenty of generator power for all activities. We will operate for a 24 hour period beginning 1 PM on June 25. Setup will begin at approx 8 AM on June 25.

Camping is available at the site, however Bremer Co Conservation does not accept reservations and spots are \$9.00 per night with a \$3.00 additional charge for electricity if needed.

Saturday evening at 5 the Rural Iowa ARC will host a potluck barbecue. The club will be furnishing & cooking the meat for this meal.

This will be a fun event for both the old-timer and new ham to enjoy the camaraderie of amateur radio.

If you are planning on attending let us know and if you will be bringing a station for setup so we can plan for space and the cookout.

Contact Eric Grams, N0ZJT at [n0zit@arrl.net](mailto:n0zit@arrl.net) or 319-480-1376 for more information.

The Rural Iowa ARC website will have further updates. <http://www.RurallowaARES.com/fieldday>

# **What is Field Day?**

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

## **What is the ARRL?**

The American Radio Relay League is the 150,000+ member national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

## **What is Amateur Radio**

Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.