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# Winter Field Day 2026

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JESSE JARRELL - W1BBT (JANUARY 14, 2026)

# What is WFD?



Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts, taking place on the last full weekend of January. It offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. You may choose to participate solo or get your your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is organized by the Winter Field Day Association. **The association strongly believes that ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments. This is because freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards pose unique operational concerns.**





# Where is WFD?



102 City Park Road  
Boerne, TX 78006





# When is WFD?



Setup Begin: Saturday, January 24 @ 0700

Contest Begins: Saturday, January 24 @ 1000

Contest Ends: Sunday, January 25 @ 1600

# Who is WFD?



Station 1: Jesse Jarrell (W1BBT)  
Yaesu FT-891, FT310DRASP  
Transworld 10-40 Dipole  
2m/70cm LPA

Station 2: Mark Champion (WM3R)  
Yaesu FT-991a  
MyAntennas 40-10 EFHW  
2m/70cm Diamond Vertical

Station 3: Rick Tilburg (N5RCT)  
Yaesu FT-891

Station 4: Dave Moore (N7RF)



# Objectives/Multipliers

**29x is the max, 19x is our goal**

- Operate on 100% on Alternative Power (x1)
  - All stations will be operating on battery and solar power
- Operate away from home (x3)
  - Will operate from City Park/Agricultural Museum
- Deploy and make at least one contact on multiple antennas (x1)
  - Stations in the mobile operations center will work VHF/UHF and HF antennas
- Make an FM satellite contact (x2)
  - Jerry (N5SGM) is in charge of achieving this objective
- Send and receive at least one Winlink email (x1)
  - Greg (K5KYR) is in charge of achieving this objective
- Copy the Winter Field Day Special Bulletin (x1)
  - All stations will listen for the bulletin.
- Make 3 contacts on at least six different bands (x6)
  - Bands attempted will be 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m, 2m, 1.25m, 70cm
- Make 3 contacts on at least twelve different bands (x6)
  - ~~Will not be attempting this objective~~
- Use multiple modes (x2)
  - Will attempt CW, Phone, RTTY, Olivia
- ~~Operate the event QRP (x4)~~
  - ~~Will not be QRP during the event~~
- Operate six continuous hours during the event (x2)
  - Stations will be manned for a minimum of 6 hours during the event

# Rules



**In this case, were not meant to be broken**

- We will be operating as Class 4M
- Location identifier is STX (Sierra Tango X-Ray)
- Spotting: Can spot ourselves, but only via RF from the site.
- QSO may only be solicited during the even over amateur RF.
- No cross-band or repeater contacts.
- Multiple transmitters are not allowed to operate on the same **band-mode** simultaneously.
  - Translation: 2 stations can work 20m at the same time, but must be using different modes (CW/Phone)
- No WSJT modes. CW, Phone, PSK, RTTY, Olivia, SSTV, JS8Call
- All bands except 12, 17, 30 & 60m can be used.
- Scoring: 2 points for CW & Digital, 1 point for Phone

# Logging



## World Radio League

- Web based so both Mac & Windows can log
- Apps for iPad and Android as well
- Progress can be monitored offsite via the World Radio League website.

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# Logistics



## Its more about the objectives than the points

- Overnight Operations: Operators will have access to the cabin for staying overnight lodging.
- Food: No group food arrangements will be made since there are several options in the immediate area.
- Heat: Propane bottles for heaters in the barn needed. MOC will have its own heat.
- Onsite comms: 145.640mhz FM simplex (Same as Dickens on Main)
- Setup: Additional volunteers will be needed to assist in setting up antennas, solar panels, etc.
- **Operators: Additional operators during the event will be needed. Please contact me for putting you on the operator schedule at [secretary@kb5tx.org](mailto:secretary@kb5tx.org)**
  - Bring your own headphones, CW Key, etc – make sure it will work with the radios listed



# Additional Information

## Web Links

- Contest Site: <https://winterfeldday.org/>
- Logging Site: <https://worldradioleague.com/>
- Last Year's Results: [https://kb5tx.org/wfd\\_2025.php](https://kb5tx.org/wfd_2025.php)
- JS8Call: <https://js8call.com/>
- Olivia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olivia\\_MFSK](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olivia_MFSK)