



Winter Field Day 2026

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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 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?





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 3: Rick Tilburg (N5RCT)
Yaesu FT-891

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

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, we're 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

A screenshot of the World Radio League (WRL) website for the Winter Field Day 2026 contest. The page features a dark blue header with the WRL logo and a search bar. Below the header, a banner indicates the contest starts in 10 hours, 12 minutes, and 37 seconds. The main content area is titled "Winter Field Day 2026" and includes a "Contest starts in" timer, a link to the contest page, and a "Go To My Logbook" button. The left sidebar contains links for Home, My Profile, Logbooks, Analytics, Activities, Spotting, Leaderboard, Contest, Integrations, Community Chat, Find Members Near Me, Report a Bug, Send Feedback, and Log out.

A screenshot of the logbook interface for station W1BBT during the Winter Field Day 2026 contest. The interface is dark-themed with blue and white text. It shows a "Back" button, the station call sign KB5TX, and various contest-related buttons for POTA HF, POTA DIPOLE, and WFD2026. The main area is titled "W1BBT - Winter Field Day 2026 Log" and includes fields for "Their Callsign", "Category (Ex: 1H)", "Section (Ex: GA)", and "Frequency". Below these are dropdowns for "Band" (20m) and "Mode" (USB), and a "Notes" section. Buttons for "Log Contact" and "Clear" are present. A "My Exchange" section lists various POTA and WWFF exchange options. At the bottom, it shows "Total Points: 0", "Total QSO: 0", and "Current Ranking: 9".

- 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.



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**
- Bring your own headphones, CW Key, etc - make sure it will work with the radios listed



Additional Information

Web Links

- Contest Site: <https://winterfieldday.org/>
- Logging Site: <https://worldradioleague.com/>
- Last Year's Results: https://kb5tx.org/wfd_2025.php
- JS8Call: <https://js8call.com/>
- Olivia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olivia_MFSK