

North Fulton Amateur Radio League



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Public Demo of Emergency Communications & BSA Merit Badge Workshop

June 23 – 24, 2012
Waller Park Extension
160 Dobbs Dr
Roswell, GA 30075

The North Fulton Radio League (NFARL) will join thousands of Amateur Radio operators (Hams) who will be showing off their emergency capabilities at this event. Amateur radio operators provide critical communications during unexpected emergencies. When trouble is brewing, Amateur Radio's people are often the first to provide rescuers with critical information and communications - and is often the **ONLY** way people can communicate.

This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country. Their slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't!" and "When all else fails!" is more than just words to the Hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 30,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.

There are many aspects of the hobby to explore ranging from using shortwave frequencies to communicating with people around the planet, setting up wireless data networks, or even bouncing signals off the moon. Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

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ATTENTION SCOUTS — Boy Scouts who visit will be able to meet the following requirements for both Emergency Preparedness and Radio Merit Badges. Advanced registration is recommended (class size is limited) – sign up at www.NFARL.org. There is no cost to participate. Scouts are urged to 'be prepared' and bring whatever they will need including food and water. Visit www.NFARL.org for all the details and www.usscouts.org and www.boyscouttrail.com for additional information.

Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge

[] 7. Take part in an emergency service project, either a real one or a practice drill, with a Scouting unit or a community agency.

Radio Merit Badge

NFARL is offering the **ENTIRE** Radio Merit Badge class with completion during the morning of Saturday the 23th starting at 8 AM by registered Merit Badge Counselors. The scouts that participate will have the opportunity to complete all requirements within a 4 hour period. Pre-read the MB Book and be ready to ask questions!

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The North Fulton Amateur Radio League is dedicated to helping those interested in amateur radio to reach their goals. Our members reap the satisfaction of enhancing the hobby through personal growth and community service throughout the North Fulton and surrounding areas.

Check us out at www.NFARL.org