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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY JUNE 25 – 27 AT LAKETOWN

Field Day 2010 - Room for everyone in Kenner!!!

Aimed at honing their skills for communicating with people near and far during and after disasters, members of the Jefferson Parish Amateur Radio Club (JARC) are scheduled to conduct a three-day field exercise for several local amateur radio clubs in the area.

The event will be at Kenner's Laketown, where Williams Boulevard meets Lake Pontchartrain. The site is on the Laketown meadow, immediately west of the Kenner Boat Launch and Treasure Chest Casino.

There are plans to begin setting up on Friday afternoon, June 25 around 3 p.m. The site will include two RV's as well as the JARC CRV. Currently the plans are to operate 2A with a GOTA station. The city of Kenner is considering participating with static exhibits of its emergency preparedness equipment for hurricane season.



No club affiliation is required to participate. The JARC President Keith Barnes said his club would appreciate knowing who is planning to attend so that the club can have adequate food for all participants. The event is being supported by the Delta DX Association, Jefferson ARC, Greater New Orleans ARC, New Orleans ARC, and the U. S. Coast Guard Auxillary, Flotilla 45. Contact Mike Villarrubia, AE5MW on the 145.37 repeater for information.



Barnes said JARC will be on the site, beginning at about 3 p.m. Friday, June 25, and will remain there until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27. He said because the field day is an emergency preparedness exercise and, as such, participants will be working with the bare essentials. Other support vehicles will also be on hand.

He said the club's equipment will be predominantly mobile in nature, including radios, power supplies and motor vehicles. He added that JARC will have a 5th wheel recreational vehicle,

its communications response vehicle and the U.S. Coast Guard communications tower trailer on hand for the event.

“We will also have generators and barbecue pits using both charcoal and LPG on site, which are necessary to feed field day participants,” Barnes said.

“We will set up in a safe manner so that visitors can come and tour the operation.”

The field day is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Barnes via e-mail at w5kb@w5gad.org.

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