



San Antonio Radio Club

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Special Field Day 2026 Issue, Come to Field Day!
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We invite you to join us for ARRL Field Day 2026 with AARO, SADRC and SARC! See <https://w5sc.org/field-day-2/>

Get ready for one of the most exciting amateur radio events of the year! ARRL Field Day 2026 is this weekend, June 27-28, and the event is hosted by the San Antonio Radio Club (SARC) with the San Antonio Digital Radio Club (SADRC), and the Alamo Area Radio Organization (AARO).

The Field Day location is at the Shavano Park city offices and park, 900 Saddletree Court Shavano Park, TX 78231. We'll start the setup at 1:30 PM although Field Day officially starts at noon. Our operations will start at 2 PM. Like last year, the delay is due to a city held "Independence Day Celebration" that conflicts with our normal start time.

FCC Amateur Radio License Testing will be held Saturday from 2 PM until 4 PM.

Field Day is more than just a radio event, it's a 24-hour demonstration of emergency preparedness, community outreach, and learning about setting up a ham radio station in less-than-ideal circumstances. Please come out and get on the air. Field Day is followed internationally, and you never know who may be on the other end of a QSO.

I noticed that almost half of a Field Day video on the club web page (W5SC.org) shows FD attendees eating barbeque. That goes with the club's description of itself as a club that likes to eat barbeque and has a radio habit. [FD 2025 movie 1](#)

Join us and be part of this event, radio is more fun when we are learning together!

There are several Extra class hams present who act as control operators, so you don't even have to have a license to participate. You can learn a lot in a short time on Field Day.

It is not a time for guys only. Ladies participate too. It is certain that a female voice on Field Day draws a crowd on the air.



We will be at the pavilion. It is a great place, plenty of room and lights at night with two, huge ceiling fans to keep things cool. Parking is free and there are clean, indoor restrooms next to the pavilion.

So plan to come out for an hour, a day or overnight! Those who operate overnight Saturday/Sunday are usually given an "iron operator" certificate. It can get lonely.

Setup is Friday and teardown when we stop on Sunday. Barbeque comes Saturday afternoon.



Setting up the club's beam antenna

If you want to bring a radio, contact Jon April, KI5CSK, is coordinating the layout and antenna positioning plan. A successful Field Day is when the club meets its primary goal; have fun, be safe and eat barbeque.



The San Antonio Radio Club began its partnership with the City of Shavano Park in 2003, a relationship that continues to this day. At that time, the current Shavano Park City Hall was nearing completion when the club approached the city's Emergency Coordinator with a request to use a local park for Field Day. His response was simple: "The City of Shavano Park has no parks."

Despite that, he quickly proposed two potential locations. One was an open field obstructed by power lines and other hazards. The other was a spacious area filled with oak trees and free of overhead obstructions. After a site survey, the club selected the field adjacent to City Hall as the most suitable location.

Subsequently the city built the large pavilion we operate in now, along with a playground and restroom facilities. It is a great location for Field Day.

