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### **Southwest Florida Hamfest: A Celebration of Amateur Radio and Community is Accepting Vendor Applications**

Fort Myers, FL – November 6, 2024 Each January, Fort Myers comes alive with the sights and sounds of amateur radio as the Southwest Florida Hamfest draws enthusiasts from across the state to share knowledge, connect, and celebrate the art of radio communication. This popular event, hosted by the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC)—a non-profit organization founded in 1957—combines a lively flea market, FCC license testing, and interactive workshops, offering a dynamic gathering for both seasoned “hams” and newcomers curious about amateur radio.

With over 48,000 amateur radio operators in Florida alone, the Hamfest is more than just a meetup; it’s a community celebration and a prime opportunity for businesses to connect with a large, engaged audience. This year’s event will be held on Friday, January 10, from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday, January 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Florida Southwestern College’s Building U in Fort Myers.

We invite vendors and exhibitors to join us at the Southwest Florida Hamfest, where you’ll reach hundreds of radio enthusiasts eager to discover new products and services. From radio equipment to antennas, accessories, and electronics, the Hamfest provides an ideal space to showcase your offerings to a passionate audience. The event also attracts public service professionals and those interested in emergency communication, expanding your reach to a diverse crowd invested in radio technology. Vendor may apply online at <http://www.swflhamfest.com>

With nearly seven decades of fostering camaraderie, advancing amateur radio skills, and supporting public safety in the community, FMARC has established itself as a respected hub for radio enthusiasts and professionals alike. As an affiliate of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), FMARC’s Hamfest is known for its quality programming, educational workshops, and strong community ties, making it a valuable venue for exhibitors and vendors.

Don’t miss your chance to engage directly with the amateur radio community, increase your brand visibility, and support the growth of amateur radio in Southwest Florida. To secure your

spot or learn more about becoming a vendor or exhibitor, visit [SWFLHamfest.com](http://SWFLHamfest.com) or [FMARC.net](http://FMARC.net). Join us in celebrating amateur radio, innovation, and community this January!

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