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## **Annual Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest**

**FORT MYERS, FL., December 3, 2024** -- If you've ever been curious about amateur radio, a hamfest is the perfect place to dive in! A hamfest is essentially a gathering of amateur radio enthusiasts, or "hams," where they come together to share knowledge, swap gear, and celebrate all things amateur radio. Think of it as part tech fair, part flea market, and part social event, with a little something for everyone.

### **Event Details:**

- **What:** Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest Convention
- **When:**
  - **Friday, January 10:** Noon to 5 PM
  - **Saturday, January 11:** 8 AM to 3 PM
- **Where:** Florida Southwestern State College, Building U, Fort Myers
- **Hosted by:** Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
- **Cost:** \$10 General Admission, open to the public

### **Discover the World of Amateur Radio**

Hamfests are great for beginners! You'll find educational workshops and live demonstrations that show you the basics of radio communication. It's a hands-on way to learn about this fascinating hobby and see how it can be used in everyday life, from chatting with neighbors to supporting emergency communications during disasters.

### **Shop for Gear**

Looking for your first radio or some accessories? The flea market is a treasure trove of new and used equipment. You can find everything from handheld radios to antennas, often at great prices. Plus, experienced operators are there to help you understand what you need and how it works.

### **Get Licensed**

The SWFL Regional Hamfests offer FCC license testing on-site. If you've been thinking about becoming a licensed operator, this is a convenient opportunity to take the test and join the community.

## Meet Like-Minded People

Hamfests are incredibly social events. You'll meet people who share your interest in technology, communication, and problem-solving. Whether you're looking for a mentor or just want to chat, it's a welcoming environment for newcomers and veterans alike.

## Fun for All Ages

Hamfests aren't just for hardcore techies—they're family-friendly and full of excitement. Some events even have food trucks, raffles, and fun activities for kids.

So, why should you go? Because a hamfest is your gateway to exploring a rewarding hobby, meeting great people, and maybe even discovering a passion for radio communication that lasts a lifetime. Learn more at <https://swflhamfest.com>

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Getting ready for Hamfest 2024 – Photo by FMARC

