



Calling All Scouts: Discover the Ultimate Off-Grid Lifeline!

When a hurricane hits Florida, cell towers may topple, the internet goes dark, and the power grid goes dead. How do emergency crews communicate when everything else fails? They call the ultimate tech heroes: **Amateur Radio Operators**.

The **Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC)** and Lee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LeeARES®) cordially invite your Scouts to step into a simulated disaster zone and experience the power of emergency communications firsthand!

Event Details

- **What:** ARRL® Field Day — A 24-Hour Emergency Preparedness Simulation
- **When:** Saturday, June 27, 2026 (Drop-in anytime starting at Noon)
- **Where:** North Fort Myers Community Park, 2000 Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers
- **Cost: FREE**

What's in it for Your Scouts?

This interactive event is the perfect, hands-on environment for Scouts to explore STEM, public service, and emergency readiness. It aligns beautifully with requirements for the **Radio**, **Emergency Preparedness**, and **Electricity** Merit Badges!

Your unit will get to experience:

- **True Off-Grid Power:** See how radio stations can transmit globally using nothing but solar panels, heavy-duty batteries, and portable generators.
- **Tactical Antenna Deployment:** Watch operators rapidly launch wire and directional antennas high into the trees to establish communication networks from scratch.

- **Get On The Air (GOTA):** Scouts won't just watch—they can actually sit at a radio station, grab the microphone, and talk to other operators across the country under the guidance of a licensed mentor!
- **Real-World Hero Stories:** Learn how local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers saved lives right here in Florida during Hurricanes Ian, Idalia, and Irma by routing high-water rescues and tracking storms when the commercial grid collapsed.

Plan Your Unit's Visit

Whether you want to bring your den, pack, troop, or crew for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon, or drop by for an evening look at how radio waves bounce across the atmosphere at night, we would love to host you.

- **To RSVP or schedule a guided group walkthrough for your unit, contact:** Lynn Johnson at fieldday@fmarc.net or call (941) 275-9145.
- **Learn more about the club:** Visit www.fmarc.net or email fieldday@fmarc.net.

Be Prepared. Come see how ham radio operators keep Florida connected when the worst happens!

ARRL® Field Day is a nationwide event held annually to demonstrate the value of amateur radio in providing emergency communications and public service.

