

Dear WECA Member:

WECA will be conducting WINTER FIELD DAY (WFD) this coming January at the Westchester County Fire Training Center on January 26th and 27th. We plan to set up four stations and we will be using the RACES Truck and SOW2 for antenna towers.

There will be an instructional session that morning as part of setting up on how to use SOW 2 with its 100 foot Tower -- which includes leveling the trailer, setting up the outriggers, setting up and attaching a Yagi multi-band antenna, Raising the tower and running the coax from the antenna through the tower and down to the stations. A similar training session will be held for the RACES truck set up, assembling and attaching the antennas to the mast and raising it up to its 40-foot height.

You will also get to see how radio equipment (transceiver, tuners, headsets, coax, etc.) is set up to become a complete operating Ham station and then learn HF operating procedures. WFD is an opportunity to learn important Ham operator skills: 1) operating HF in a contest environment, 2) a chance to pick up the "Contest Ears" needed to hear stations out there during contesting and pile-ups, 3) logging contacts with computer software, 4) Getting over the "Mic Fright" we all have (until we pick up the rhythm and pace of making HF Contacts (QSOs) during contest conditions. WECA and some of its members will provide the station equipment.

Just like Summer Field Day, the operating positions will be WARM. We will be operating from a classroom in the building or from the RACES truck (if you are a CW type). The break area next to Classroom 3 with all of the vending machines and microwave oven, as well as the bathrooms, will be available. You can operate as long as you like. We know some members will only operate for an hour or two and some will not want to go home. It will be a training event for those who are interested in learning how to operate HF and learn about the propagation on those bands.

And YES like Summer Field Day in June, it will be FUN.

If you are interested in participating Please fill out the Survey -- click this Link:  
[http://bit.ly/WECA\\_WinterFDsurvey](http://bit.ly/WECA_WinterFDsurvey).

or copy the following full URL and paste it into a Browser if, it is not clickable:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIIP8c79hSktJ2OfBYcBUAnCh5XPiyeiRGMocdeLTzQ2667Q/viewform>

(Even if you are not interested in participating, you can still complete the survey and at the bottom, tell us why you are not participating, so we know who read the email and is not coming.)

Sincerely,

The WECA Board of Officers and Directors