

## **Amateur Radio**

Hams In Action: Field Day-Family Day June 24th & 25th



Sangamon Valley Radio Club's Field Day-Family Day is open to the public-please come out & visit! Riverton Middle School at 1014 E. Lincoln, Riverton IL

Family Day Stop by for fun family activities on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

- Get on the Air (GOTA) station for kids and adults
- National Weather Service Display
- American Red Cross Display
- Riverton Fire Department Smoke House
- Springfield Makers Group Display
- Classes for Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

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Field Day runs from Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon. What is Field Day? It's where ham radio operators set up temporary transmitting stations in public

places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach and technical skills all in a single event. Some dedicated ham operators transmit all day and night!

Look for the antennas! Visit us at www.svrc.org SVRCpresident@gmail.com

Many displays will be held in an

Don't let the heat/weather stop

air conditioned building.

you from coming out!



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Top Jen Reasons to Get on the Air!

- Talk to ham radio operators locally, all over the country and the WORLD
- Talk to hams on the International Space Station/bounce a signal off of the moon
- Talk to hams from your vehicle, backyard, campsite, man-cave, she-shed...
- Talk to hams on local repeaters during official nets or informal "rag-chews"
- Modify vintage radio equipment ("boat anchors"), tinker with a soldering iron
- Skip the tinkering and use a nice digital radio right out of the box
- Morse code is no longer required for a ham license-but many hams still use it
- Inspire your creative genius; build your own radio and antenna
- Kids can get a ham license; there is no minimum age, just pass the test!
- Contesting-win awards and recognition
- Meet interesting people and form lasting friendships
- Be prepared in an emergency-cell phones work great until they don't
- Weather watching/many hams are trained weather spotters
- Provide radio communication for public service events like today's event

It's a fun hobby and a great way to meet some really nice hams!

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