

# PREPARING FOR FIELD DAY

**AND OTHER ACTIVITIES  
THAT REQUIRE FIELD USE  
OF AMATEUR RADIO'S  
INCLUDING ECOMMS  
DEPLOYMENT**

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# BASIC DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

- Length of Stay
  - Weather
  - Required Equipment
  - Power Requirements
  - Food and Shelter
  - Contingencies
  - First Aid
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# BASIC DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

## ➤ Length of Stay

- Ask yourself, what is the “normal” time that I might be required to attend my Post?
- Is it a possibility that I might stay longer? (Contingency)

## ➤ Weather

- What is the forecasted weather for the length of time I am required to attend my Post?

## ➤ Equipment Requirements

- What will I need to successfully fulfil my assignment?



# BASIC DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

## ▶ Power Requirements

- ▶ Will I have enough batteries to last while at my Post?
- ▶ Will I need a means of recharging my batteries?
- ▶ Do I need to bring fuel?
- ▶ Do I need to bring extension cords?



# BASIC DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

## ► Food and Shelter

- What do I need to bring so that I will be protected from the weather?
- Does the Wx forecast include Sun or Rain? (Bringing sunscreen and shade tarps is just as important as protection from rain and snow).
- What you WEAR is just as important as what you are staying in.
- Do I have enough food and water for the length of stay I am planning?
- Is there a possibility that someone else may need to share my food and water?
- Do I have a method of boiling water?
- Do I have the right footwear?



# BASIC DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

## ► Contingencies

- Is there a remote possibility that my Length of Stay might be prolonged?
- Is there a possibility that the Wx may change?
- Do I have the appropriate clothing/shelter to compensate for the Wx changes?
- Do I have multiple sources of power to charge my batteries?
- Do I have enough Food and Water for a prolonged engagement?
- Do I have enough Food and Water in case I need to share?
- Other contingencies? (Broken radio/antenna, tent leakage, comfort items, etc.)



# BASIC DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

## ► First Aid

- Do I have an appropriate First Aid kit for the type of deployment I am on?
- Do I have enough first aid supplies for myself and others?
- Do I have basic first aid knowledge?
- Can I use EVERYTHING in my first aid kit? (In other words, Do I KNOW How to Use Everything?)



# MY PERSONAL CHECKLIST

## ➤ Field Day

- Length of Stay:
  - 3 days/2 nights
- Wx:
  - Depends! Expect Sun, Plan for Snow
- Power Requirements:
  - Battery case
  - Solar power
  - Generator

## ➤ Field Day

- Equipment needs
  - HF rig w/ Tuner & SWR Meter
  - Antenna & Mast
- Food & Shelter
  - Tent & Tarps
  - Full camping complement
  - 2 meals/day (6 meals) + 2 Extra meals
- First Aid
  - Trauma kit





# THE Rule of Thumb!

- ▶ **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO BRING IS WHATEVER WILL MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE AND SAFE!**
  - ▶ It does no one any good to be miserable while deployed!
  - ▶ Having great experiences while deployed will foster a willingness to be deployed the next time! (Story about my first Boy Scout camping trip).



HAVE FUN!

A hand-drawn sign on a white background. The word "HAVE" is written in large, bubbly, colorful letters: H (green), A (orange), V (blue), E (yellow). The word "FUN!" is written below it in similar bubbly letters: F (red), U (green), N (purple), and an exclamation point (yellow). The sign is tilted and has a white border.

