2011 SKYWARN® Recognition Day

The 2011 SKYWARN® Recognition Day 24 hour event begins Friday, December 2rd, 18:00 (6 PM) CST. Or in UTC time, December 3, 2011, from 00:00 to 24:00 UTC.

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service (NWS) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day, SKYWARN radio operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world. Information regarding SKYWARN Recognition Day is updated at hamradio.noaa.gov, and for the Fort Worth office at wx5fwd.org.

As in previous years, North Texas SKYWARN Amateur Radio spotters are encouraged to participate in SKYWARN Recognition Day, and make radio contacts with NWS offices and other SKYWARN ham radio spotter groups.

SKYWARN volunteers may visit the NWS Saturday. This is a special invitation to volunteers in counties where the NWS has limited or no spotter contacts. See our spotter radio coverage map, which show areas where we want more spotters and radio access. A lunch will be provided, but **visitors must RSVP before Thursday, December 1** via WX5FWD.ORG/RSVP, or send email to SRD@WX5FWD.ORG. Please RSVP including your name, email address, call sign (if you have one), and county. More details will be provided to attendees via email. Attendance may be limited.

The WX5FWD SKYWARN radio desk team will operate radio stations at the Fort Worth office on HF, VHF and UHF frequency bands, with modes FM, SSB, CW, APRS, PSK-31, and RoIP (IRLP/EchoLink). The NWS station call sign will be WX5FWD. We plan to be on the following bands, frequencies or linked systems. Radio operator contacts can print a WX5FWD QSL card from wx5fwd.org/QSL, after our logs are uploaded.

- HF Frequency, Mode and other information will be published on twitter.com/wx5fwd and on the wx5fwd.org web site during the event.
- 145.490 85.4 Roston wide area repeater.
- 147.140 123.0 Bell county wide area repeater via EchoLink.
- RAILS linked repeater system.
- Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP):
  - 0010 WX5FWD SKYWARN Reflector.
  - IRLP 3786 radio link.
  - IRLP 3747 repeater.
- EchoLink:
  - *WX5FWD* (372418) SKYWARN conference.
  - WX5FWD-L (70938) radio link.
  - WX5FWD-R (119094) repeater.
- APRS WX5FWD.
- We will periodically access SKYWARN repeaters in the North Texas CWA that are accessible to NWS radio desk.

Regards,
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