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To: Polk County ARES
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Polk CERT organizations
Any & All interested radio amateurs

Subject: Winter Field Day participation

At the Polk County ARES meeting on the 21st of November, we discussed participation in Winter Field Day 2020 by Polk ARES as well as the various clubs represented. At that meeting, those present expressed generally favorable interest. To that end, I am reaching out to the wider membership and to the local clubs to verify that the interest still exists.

The dates for this event are the 25th and 26th of January 2020. You will note that there will be few, if any, club meetings nor an ARES meeting before this date. Therefore, organization of this event will require communication via email and the various nets.

The good news is that we have been given access to the Polk County Emergency Operations Center for this event. The EOC's permanently installed antennas are tweaked to perfection. Several radios are available for our use simply by turning them on. There are picnic tables, restrooms and a kitchen at the facility. Some hams are planning to bring motor homes with their "on board" shacks ready to operate.

The challenge at this point is to determine who and how many will participate and organize a band plan to take full advantage of the resources we have available. To that end, I am asking anyone interested to email me at N6MRS@arrl.net and let me know how and when you would like to participate. In addition to the normal HF Field Day bands, UHF and VHF contacts are also included as well as digital bands except for FT8. The rules can be found at <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Please let me hear from you soon. 73

Mike, N6MRS