

WVARA Beach Party POTA

Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 9:30 am to about 3:30 pm

What: The **West Valley Amateur Radio Association (WVARA)** is having a Beach Party POTA. It is a chance to get outside, have fun and play radio with old and new friends. We always welcome and enjoy seeing members and non-members, meeting new hams, and showing off and explaining our hobby with interested non-hams.

If you're recently licensed, stop by and make some new friends. Perhaps you can get a little help with a cantankerous HT, some antenna advice, or check out different gear and operating modes.

If you don't have a license and are interested in what amateur radio is about, come by and ask questions, see some of what we do and try getting on the air.

If you are a ham and interested in POTA (Parks on the Air), but not sure about what to do or not yet registered, we can help you with that. It is easy and free!

Where: **Manresa Main State Beach, day use picnic area**

POTA: US-3469

1445 San Andreas Rd, Watsonville 95076

(Admission fee or CA state park pass needed)

Details: To spice it up a little, we're going to:

- Try getting some kind of a kite antenna up and make some contacts using it
- Award a few prizes

Prizes: We have some great "gate*" prizes we're going to award. Prizes will be awarded by random drawing.

To enter a drawing, you'll need to check in with "Beach Party Control", receive a ticket for the appropriate drawing, and provide enough contact information so we can get in touch with you if you win something but are not around at the drawing .

For licensed hams, we'll have a SOTABEAMS Band Hopper II 20m-40m antenna package, a PackTenna Mini In-line RF Choke and other fun and useful items to award.

If you are not yet licensed, but are interested, we'll have a separate drawing for a copy of Gordon West's *Technician FCC Amateur Radio License Preparation* book (10th Edition, 2022-2026 questions).

* We can't really have "door" prizes, since there is no door.

(More information on food, event logistics and how to contact us is on the next page.)

Food: We provide: charcoal, grilling tools, basic condiments, bottled H2O.

You bring: whatever you want to grill/eat, perhaps a side dish, snack or desert to share.

Logistics: Bring any gear you'd like to operate. We'll be QRP, but higher power is fine if you want: bring your own power and antenna. We'll work out interference if needed.

If you're hiking / biking / small vehicle-ing to the site, here's what we'll have there that you won't need to bring (unless you have gear you want to try -- always fun!).

We'll have QRP-sufficient 12 volt power, and power distribution strips with PowerPoles. Bring your own PowerPole-equipped power cables.

We'll have two or three push-up fiberglass masts. If you have antennas you want to try, bring them. If they need support beyond a push-up, you'll need to bring that too.

If you need AC power (i.e. for a PC for digital), bring it.

Day of the event we'll monitor 146.52 (2M call) and 446.00 (440 call).

More Subscribe to the WVARA chat email list: chat@wvara.groups.io

Info.: Listen to the WVARA weekly net: details below

Check the club's website: www.wvara.org

Email: KN6FGHTim@gmail.com

West Valley Amateur Radio Association

www.wvara.org

WVARA maintains five repeaters using the call sign **W6PIY**, located at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, CA. We have a **weekly net each Tuesday at 8:30 pm**, during which all repeaters are linked. Frequencies and tones are below.

WVARA meetings are at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August (we have a barbecue instead) and December (we have a holiday party instead). We meet at the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2731 North 1st Street in San Jose. Visitors are always welcome.

Visit the club website to join WVARA, or ask us a question. You can also:

- View meeting topics and speakers
- Stay informed about club events such as field days and contests
- Subscribe to the club's e-mail lists
- Read the club's newsletter, *The Heterodyne*

Band	Frequency	PL Tone
6 meters	52.580 -	151.4 Hz
2 meters	147.39 +	151.4 Hz
1.25 meters	223.96 -	156.7 Hz
.70 meters	441.35 +	88.5 Hz
.23 meters	1286.2 -	100.0 Hz
All repeaters are open to all licensed amateurs.		