

CQ Field Day

The Passive Approach (Listening)

- Tune around the dial and listen for anyone calling “CQ Field Day”
- If you tune someone in who is calling “CQ Field Day” wait until they are done, and then call back to them:

“Kilo Nine Sierra Oscar Uniform”

- Write down the information they give you then call to them and say, **“(Their call sign) Kilo Nine Sierra Oscar Uniform**

THREE ALPHA INDIANA”

- After they give their information respond **“QSL”** if you copied everything. If you were not able to copy everything, ask them to repeat what you need.
- When contact is complete log the name/call of the operator, time, call sign, class, and section.

The Active Approach (Calling)

- Pick out a clear frequency
- Call out on the air **“CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, Kilo Nine Sierra Oscar Uniform”**
- Wait a few seconds to allow anyone listening to call back, and if no one does call back repeat the calling listed above.
- If someone responds write down the call sign.
- Call back **“(Their call sign) Kilo Nine Sierra Oscar Uniform. THREE ALPHA Indiana”**
- Listen for their response and repeat any information if necessary.
- When contact is complete log the name/call of the operator, time, call sign, class, and section.
- Quickly just say **“K9SOU”**. Then if no one responds, go back to Step 2.

Descriptions:

Time - put the time in UTC by adding 4hours (5 hours minus 1 for DST) to the time then putting it into 24 hour time. For example, 2 pm would be 1800 UTC.

Callsign - A combination of letters and a number issued by the FCC for a licensee or a club such as the Bloomington High School South Amateur Radio Club call sign K9SOU.

Class - This is a classification based on the number of transmitters being used and the type of station.

A: group, portable

C: mobile

E: home station with emergency power

B: 1 or 2 persons, portable

D: home station

F: EOC (Emergency operating center)

Section - geographical area (Such as state)

Callsign:

Kilo Nine Sierra Oscar

Uniform

Class:

3 Alpha

Section:

Indiana