

Here is a handy checklist courtesy of former club member [Ron Smith-K9QAM](#) via Geir AB9NX

I have added a few extra items which would also be helpful.

## **Du Page ARC Field Day Checklist**

### **Shelter/Operating position**

- Tent (screen or regular)
- Table (no pointed legs)
- Lawn chairs (no pointed legs)
- Cardboard or rug to put under table and at door
- Watch or clock for logging
- Small fan
- Clipboard for logs and dupe sheets
- Pens, pencils and scratch paper (lots of paper)
- Light for nighttime, with yellow bug light bulb
- Sun tarp
- Extra stakes

### **Radio Equipment**

- Transmitter/Receiver with instruction manuals
- Stand-by radio
- Radio/Computer interface cable
- Microphone/key/keyer
- Headphones (2-operator & logger) with Y adapter
- Dummy load with short coax jumper
- SWR/Power meter
- Extra fuses
- Antenna
- Stand by or 2nd antenna (Really helps when your primary antenna falls apart)
- Antenna support/nylon rope
- Antenna tuner
- Coax jumpers/coax switch
- Feed line and connectors
- Any spare tubes/parts
- Ground rod, clamp and ground wire
- Bandpass filter
- Multimode controller
- Soundcard interface
- Extra coax connectors and adapters
- Logging computer with power cord

## **Power**

- Heavy duty 12v battery or power supply with power cords for radio
- Power strips (at least two, surge protected recommended)
- Extension cords (14-3 or heavier recommended)

## **Personal Items**

- Work gloves
- Sleeping bag, pillow, security blanket and/or teddy
- Complete change of clothes and toilet articles
- Sweater/jacket, rain gear & boots
- First aid kit, sun screen & prescriptions
- Insect repellent
- Sun glasses and hat
- Club name tag and jacket
- Watch, pen, flashlight and extra batteries
- 2m/440 handier-talkie
- Small cooler with ice to keep in station tent
- Drinking water
- Snacks for late night

## **Tools**

- Safety glasses
- Cable ties
- Wrenches/sockets
- Pliers/wire cutters/strippers
- Utility knife
- Hammer/sledge
- Pry bar
- Matches/lighter/propane torch
- Electrical tape
- Measuring tape
- Duct tape

## **General**

- Field Day Rules packet
- Section list
- Optional fire extinguisher
- Tool box with soldering iron and VOM
- Rope launcher
- Copy of your Amateur Radio License
- Notebook (make notes how to do better next year)
- Paper towels
- Safety tape (for guy ropes, coax, etc)
- Trash can/box/bag

### **Notes**

1. Be sure to mark everything you want to keep with your name, call, and phone number. Email address would be nice, too.
2. Obviously, not everyone needs every item on this list. It was designed to be overkill. Conversely, your station may need items not on this list. Use your Judgment!
3. "Favorite Beverages" may be limited by Site rules. Check with the FD site Captain for specifics.
4. Each operator *\*should\** provide their own headphones. Contact the station Captain for specific information (connection, etc.)
5. Personal Support Equipment is for captains, ops, and non-ops alike.