

## 2021- EmComm Training Organization (ETO) Goes to Field Day.

We will resume Winlink Thursday activities shortly. Monthly exercises will be designed to further our experience with Winlink after Field Day, but on that special day, let's have a Winlink check-in form sent to your ETO-clearing house from your Field Day operation, be it in the field or from your home QTH. We are now using Emcomm Training Organization (ETO) headings for our activity and our "Clearing Houses" Winlink Tactical Addresses will be in the form **ETO-nn**, where nn is your FEMA region number. See this FEMA website to determine your FEMA region. <https://www.fema.gov/about/organization/regions>. (Special case for ETO-HI and ETO-DX for stations in Hawaii and outside the US, respectively.

If you are an experienced user of Winlink, this will be very easy. If you are new to using Winlink, sending a check-in form from the field may be challenge. This is ok. The route for sending your Winlink message to the designated Winlink address is your choice: RMS Packet, VARA HF, ARDOP, VARA FM.

### 2021-Field Day Winlink Exercise

Any time on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, bring up the Winlink Check-in form found in General standard forms/templates. (**Select: "Message", "New Message" then "Select Template", open "Standard Templates" (+) and scroll down to "General Forms", and open this form "Winlink Check In.txt**). You may have a predefined "button" on the New Message window to quickly bring up the Check-in form from a Winlink Thursday's exercise.

The form will come up in your browser. Please enter the following:

Click **Setup** and add a title, "ETO-FIELD DAY Check-in".

Click on **Date/Time** and select your time stamp.

Select **Net Check-in** for Status.

Choose what **band** and **mode** you will use.

**Send To:** address the message to your ETO Clearing house tactical address, ETO-nn, and, separated by ; (**Semicolon**), include the address for getting on the exercise map.

So in the **Send To:** field enter-- **ETO-nn;mapemcomm@gmail.com**.

**Call sign of Initial ... :** Enter your call sign and any others you may wish.

**Sender** will be your call sign.

**Location:** TWO LETTER STATE only PLEASE.

Enter **your FIELD DAY Decimal GPS coordinates**, your **Grid** will be calculated.

**Comments/Message** Describe your Field Day activity. Not too verbose. At least give us your Field Day Exchange.

Click **Submit**.

Close browser to get back to Winlink Express where the message should be ready to Post to Outbox, addressed to your ETO clearing house Tactical call sign **ETO-nn;mapemcomm@gmail.com**. Post to the Outbox as a Winlink message and find a Winlink RMS station to accept your signal from your Field Day location. Check your entry on the real-time map for the exercise at: <https://www.qsl.net/kw4shp/ETO/WinlinkMap.html>

Happy Field Day. Don't eat too many hot dogs!

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