# CW IN THE PARK







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YARS/MVRC and Yolo County ARES are scheduling a series of CW practice sessions in various parks and locations over the next few months.

Bill, K6KN, and Gary, WA6TQJ, will lead the group through a number of CW exercises and topics related to CW operations.

Each session will be 2 hours long, assuming a class size of 6 people. If more than 6 people sign up, the operator practice section of the session would be an additional half hour longer. Each participant, at each session, will have an opportunity to send text via CW. All other participants will need to copy their fellow participant's CW transmissions.

Below is a brief outline for the 2 hours morning sessions in (9:00 to 11:00 a.m.) the parks.

## Session #1 July 29, 2017 Pioneer Park in Woodland

- CW keys and audio oscillators provided
- Intro and Statement of interest by participants. 30 min.
- Slow speed drill in sending and receiving CW by participants (working up to 10 WPM). 90 min.

#### Session #2 August 5, 2017 in Pioneer Park in Woodland

- Show and tell mini presentations about CW keys by course leaders and selected participants. 1 hour
- Slow speed drill in sending and receiving CW by participants (working up to 10 WPM). 1 hour

## Session #3 August 19, 2017 The Park at Davis Airport at UC Davis

- Alex's station and UC Davis' Mast Trailer/Beam
- Station operation Demonstrate of on-the-air CW operations. 1 hour
- Slow speed drill in sending and receiving CW by participants (working up to 13 WPM). 1 hour

## Session #4 September 9, 2017 in Pioneer Park in Woodland

- Stretching the operator's sending and receiving speeds. Various programs and aids to be demonstrated. 1 hour
- Medium speed drill in sending and receiving CW by participants (working up to 18 WPM). 1 hour

Participants can bring and use their own CW keys, if they wish.

Participants will be given homework requiring at least 4 hours of off-air CW sending and on-air CW receiving per week.

To sign up for CW in the Park, contact Gary Matteson at <a href="mailto:gcmatteson@ucdavis.edu">gcmatteson@ucdavis.edu</a> or Bill Ragsdale at <a href="mailto:Bill@billragsdale.cc">Bill@billragsdale.cc</a>.

Registration for the four session series needs to be received by July 28'2017. Registration for individual sessions must be made one day before the actual session. This procedure will assure you a chair and spot at the table in the park.