



# WINTERHEAT

## AMATEUR RADIO SIMPLEX EVENT

January 1, 2022

### What's in a day?

The procedures for Winterheat allow you to contact another amateur operator once per day per frequency. There are 13 approved Winterheat frequencies. So it's possible you could make 13 contacts with the same person. I can contact W9RNR on 147.525, 147.570, 157.555 and keep going until we've run out of frequencies to talk on. All on the same day.

### So, what does a day mean?

In the beginning we defined a day as once in a strict 24 hour period. That became a bit of a timekeeping headache.

So for our purposes a day means a calendar day. I can make contact with W9BAS on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, etc... We can have a QSO at any time during the day. I don't need to wonder if; "I called Jess at 0800 Monday, should I wait exactly 24 hours and one minute before I call him again? No, if your calendar says its a new day - go for it!

### So we're not using UTC?

Yes. Winterheat begins on 00:00 UTC on January 1 and ends at 23:59 UTC on January 31. The system logs all contacts in UTC.

That means our calendar day doesn't start at midnight like a regular calendar. In Illinois our UTC day begins at 6:00 PM. In Virginia the UTC day begins at 5:00 PM. Know your time zones and when a new day begins for you.

Just be honest and log your contacts for each day. Let the system clock take care of the rest.

### WINTERHEAT 2022

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A month long amateur radio simplex event. The goal and purpose is for amateur radio operators to make as many contacts as possible over a month long period of time using only designated simplex frequencies..

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This is the third year for this event. Last year participants made nearly 50,000 contacts.



## What about cheating?

There is a worry that someone will take advantage of this to try to run up their scores. Winterheat contacts are based on a gentleman's agreement. We all do our best to follow the rules and have fun. Historically we've only had one person try to game the system. He was identified quickly; his contacts were deleted and he was banned forever.

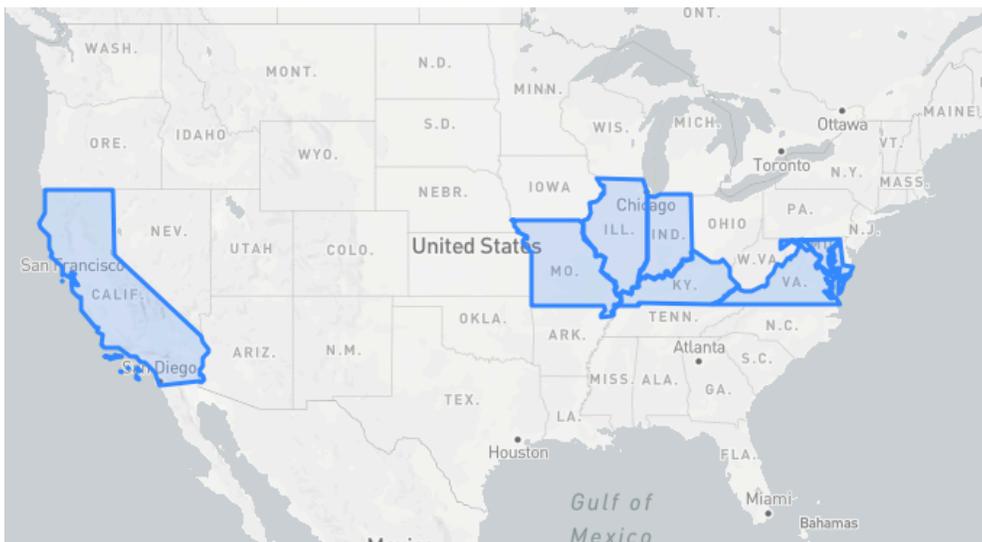
## Let's have fun!

Winterheat was designed around the Keep It Super Simple philosophy. If the procedures seem complicated or we haven't done our job in communicating clearly, please let us know. We're here to have fun and make VHF/UHF Simplex Hamactive!

Thanks, from your Winterheat Team...

These are the states that show active Winterheat contacts.

## What a great way to kick off 2022!



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## WINTERHEAT 2022

We began  
this year's  
Winterheat  
with 600  
contacts and  
we're growing.

Thanks to  
everyone for  
spreading the  
word and  
making this  
happen!

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