



The 2009 SKYWARN® Recognition Day (SRD) event is on December 5, 2009, from 00:00 to 24:00 UTC.

Translated to North Texas local time, the event begins Friday, December 4th, 18:00 (6 PM) CST.

SKYWARN® Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service (NWS) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN® radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day, SKYWARN® radio operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world. Information regarding SKYWARN® Recognition Day is updated at hamradio.noaa.gov, and for the Fort Worth office at wx5fwd.org.

As in previous years, North Texas SKYWARN® Amateur Radio spotters are encouraged to participate in SKYWARN® Recognition Day, and make radio contacts with NWS offices and other SKYWARN® ham radio spotter groups.

Volunteer SKYWARN® spotters may also visit the NWS Saturday. A pizza lunch will be provided, but visitors must RSVP before Thursday, December 3 via email to SRD@WX5FWD.ORG. Attendance may be limited. Please include your name, call sign, county and spotter group affiliation.

The WX5FWD SKYWARN® radio desk team will operate radio stations at the Fort Worth office on HF, VHF and UHF frequency bands, with modes FM, SSB, CW, APRS, PSK-31, and RoIP (IRLP/EchoLink). The NWS station call sign will be WX5FWD. We plan to be on the following frequencies or linked systems most of the day.

- HF Frequency, Mode and other information will be published on [Twitter via WX5FWD](#) and on the wx5fwd.org web site during the event.
- 145.490 85.4 Roston wide area repeater.
- 147.140 123.0 Bell county wide area repeater via EchoLink.
- [RAILS](#) linked repeater system.
- Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP):
 - 0010 WX5FWD SKYWARN® Reflector.
 - IRLP 3786 radio link.
 - IRLP 3747 repeater.
- EchoLink:
 - *WX5FWD* (372418) SKYWARN® conference.
 - WX5FWD-L (70938) radio link.
 - WX5FWD-R (119094) repeater.
- APRS WX5FWD.
- We will periodically access [SKYWARN® spotter repeaters in the North Texas CWA](#) that are accessible to NWS radio desk.



Regards,
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