



SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY 2011 COMING SOON!

“CQ, CQ, CQ. This is WX4NC for SKYWARN Recognition Day looking for contacts.” That’s the patter you’ll be hearing on the radio the first Saturday in December from the Central Carolina SKYWARN team and other licensed operators at the Raleigh National Weather Service!

Developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League, SKYWARN Recognition Day is designed to celebrate the contributions that SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During a 24 hour period, SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world.

SKYWARN Recognition Day 2011 officially takes place Saturday, December 3, 0000-2400 UTC. Over 100 National Weather Services offices across the nation, including the Raleigh National Weather Service, are expected to participate in this 13th annual event.

Central Carolina SKYWARN will join in the fun on Friday night (December 2) from 7-10 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, making contacts on the WB4TQD 146.88 repeater, the K4ITL 147.105 repeater, the K4ITL 147.135 repeater, the Carolina 440 UHF Link System, IRLP (node 9219), and HF (10, 15, 20, 40 & 80 meters).

Radio operators will exchange names, call signs, locations, signal reports, and a 1 or 2-word weather report. We will be using the call sign WX4NC.

A QSL card will be available for this event. Stations logging a contact with WX4NC may send a SASE envelope to the following address to receive a QSL card:

National Weather Service
Raleigh Forecast Office
1005 Capability Drive, Suite 300
Centennial Campus
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

An 8.5" x 11" event certificate can also be obtained by sending a SASE and a list of the stations contacted to the following address:

SKYWARN Recognition Day
920 Armory Road
Goodland, KS 67735

For more information about SKYWARN Recognition Day, please visit <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>.

Hope to get you in the log!

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