

**ARRL WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA SECTION
QSO PARTY RULES**

QSO PARTY DURATION: April 15, 2015 through June 26, 2015.

PURPOSE OF QSO PARTY: Celebration of the 15th birthday of the ARRL West Central Florida Section.

OPERATOR CATEGORIES:

- Individual.
- Group (Non Club and Non ARES).
- Club or ARES Group.

CERTIFICATES:

- PARTICIPATION – Anyone who submits an entry for participation.
- WORKED ALL COUNTIES K4WCF – Working a K4WCF Special Event Station in all counties in the West Central Florida Section.

PRIZES FOR THOSE EARNING TOP POINTS IN EACH OPERATOR CATEGORY:

- FIRST PLACE – Framed Certificate and ARRL 2014 Periodical CD
- SECOND PLACE – Certificate and ARRL Repeater Directory.
- THIRD PLACE – Certificate and ARRL License Plate or ARRL Lapel Pin.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR CONTACTS:

- Callsign.
- County of Operation.
- ARRL Station Appointment or ARRL Member.
- If you are not appointed to a position and/or are not an ARRL member, please indicate that as part of the exchange.

POINTS FOR CONTACTS:

- Any licensed amateur in West Central Florida Section – 1 point.
- ARRL member in the West Central Florida Section – 5 points.
- ARRL Station Appointees in West Central Florida Section – 10 points:
Appointments include Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, Emergency Coordinator, Net Manager, Official Emergency Station, Official Observer, Official Relay Station, Public Information Officer, and Technical Specialist.
- ARRL Section Appointees in West Central Florida Section – 25 points:
Assistant Section Manager, Affiliated Club Coordinator, Public Information Coordinator, Section Emergency Coordinator, Section Traffic Manager, Section Youth Coordinator, Official Observer Coordinator, and Technical Coordinator.
- ARRL West Central Florida Section Manager or K4WCF Special Event Station – 50 points:
- ARRL President, Vice Presidents, Division Director, Vice Director, or ARRL Employees – 100 points.

CONTACT RULES:

- All participants are expected to follow the Amateur Radio Code: <http://www.arrrl.org/amateur-code>.
- Any mode or band is permitted for contacts (including repeaters and amateur satellite).
- Scheduled contacts are permitted.
- Duplicate contacts are contacts with the same band and same mode and do not count for points. Contacts on the same band but using a different mode will count for points. For example, two 40 meter SSB contacts with K4EZM would only count as one contact. A CW and a SSB contact on 40 meters with KT4WX would count as two contacts.
- In the event of working someone with multiple appointments, you earn the higher of the applicable points. For example, K4EZM is an EC and also serves as an ASM. Any contact with K4EZM is worth 25 points, the higher of the applicable points for working him.

LOG SUBMISSION AND AWARDING OF PRIZES:

- Logs must use the official log form. The log sheets are available for download from the West Central Florida Section website from the West Central Florida Section QSO Party Page: <http://arrrlwcf.org/wcf-special-events/west-central-florida-section-qso-party/>.
- Logs should be send to Randy Payne K4EZM, Assistant Section Manager, by the following means:
 - Email: k4ezm@arrrl.net – Send logs as an email attachment.
 - U.S. Mail: 4131 Elson Av., Sebring, FL 33875.
- Deadline for log entry is no later than September 4, 2015.
- Results of the West Central Florida Section QSO Party will be announced in the December issue of THE WCF PRESSER and prizes will be awarded at the the ARRL forum at the Tampa Bay Hamfest (ARRL West Central Florida Section Convention) in Plant City on Saturday December 12, 2015.