Our planning stages will quickly move to assigning “Captains” to each station, known as “band Captains” but truly station captains will be responsible for all aspects of a single station. these are the Key players in our field day success, responsibilities include: not actually acquiring but at least finding and reserving all the components of a fully functional field station including:

pop-up with two side covers

hold down stakes & weights with tie-down straps

Table & Chairs

Grounding rod, cable, buss bar, jumpers

power system, battery, charger, solar, distribution etc. Low and High voltage

Transceiver, with spare fuses, manual/documentation, microphone

Manuals and documentation for all your station equipment. (nifty guides are invaluable for Field Day)

Documentation/Manuals for all station equipment

antenna tuner, Sound card interface (if needed)

Coax, from antenna, Jumpers, Dummy load, SWR meter

Band pass filter(s)

Headsets, headset amp/distribution

laptop for Digital modes and/or Logging

paper, pens, markers, highlighters

Clock, possibly two (One set to UTC time for logging)

Information board (list and photo to come)

Basic tools, zip ties, ratchet straps, bungees, tape (Duct, painters, gaffers)

Basic first aid kit, hand Sanitizer, extra face masks, sunscreen, insect repellent

Lighting for night work

Trash receptacle with extra bags

Cooler with ice, water, drinks, snacks? etc.

If we expect warm weather a small battery powered fan will help

I am certain I missed something in this list, by Field Day we may have it all worked out? or we’ll create another “Learning opportunity” (c;

Station captains are our most critical asset in the success of our Field Day, Along with managing equipment and logistics of their Station staffing the station and adopting Frequencies and modes are further responsibilities. We realize that this seems like a lot for one person to be tasked, building a dependable team that can assist with these items is key. You will have “no-shows” and there may be equipment failures forgotten items etc. being flexible and pivoting quickly will serve you and your team well, they will look to you for guidance/help when things aren’t working or they need some operation support. I always say “it is not the mistakes that are made but how we recover. Having a plan B is helpful, thinking ahead and expecting the worst keeps you prepared in your mind. Remember You are NOT responsible for how many points your station makes, you only have to get it “on the air” and try to staff a well-planned and equipped station for your team.