

Santa Claus is coming! ... To a receiver near you.

The holidays are coming and the kids are starting to anticipate Christmas. Sometimes a great introduction to ham radio that entertains the younger set is to let them speak to Santa on the air.

This year the Santa Net will be once again be soaring through the skies of Middle Tennessee and hams will be able to contact him during his rounds on the 146.610 (-0.6 MHz) repeater and simulcast on 446.415 simplex. New this year, the Santa Net will be simulcast on YouTube. Just go to :

<http://youtube.com/c/braintrusts>

There will be no tone required during the Santa Net.

Each year Tony, KF4KFQ, presents the "Santa Net" bringing Santa into ham shacks and other places around Middle Tennessee. The Santa Net will begin at 7 PM CST on December 24th (Christmas Eve, Of Course) and will continue as long as traffic holds. In addition to QSO's with old Saint Nick there will be skits and readings of traditional Christmas favorites.

Hams are invited to allow 3rd Party traffic to talk to Santa, as well as, provide reports of Santa Sightings and other items of interest on Christmas Eve.

Additionally, those wanting to make the Santa Net extra special for a little one that will be listening that night, email information about the child to:

tony.proctor@comcast.net

Please include Santa Net In the subject line.

Include the following:

- Child's Name (a phonetic pronunciation if the name is difficult)
 - Child's Gender (Santa got burned on this one year)
 - A general neighborhood where they are.
 - And any other information that Santa should know that will make the evening special for the child. For example, Teacher's name(s) ... Pet Name(s) ... Elf's Name (If using Elf-On-A-Shelf) ... etc.
 - Item(s) that you **KNOW** the child is receiving for Christmas.
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If desired, I can also provide Elf-On-A-Shelf reports before Christmas that I will return as an audio file to your email address. Just send an email and the above information to the address above. Please put "Elf Report" in the subject line.