



# WHAT DO I LIKE ABOUT WCARES

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# TOPICS

**Amateur Radio**

**Public Service**

**Volunteerism,  
ARRL Year of  
The Volunteer,  
VOTA**

**ARES**

**Fellowship and  
Teamwork**

**Helping Others**



# AMATEUR RADIO

- **WCARES provides a structure for all of us to do what we like to do.**
- **Our interests are varied but one thing we all have in common is our love of our hobby, Amateur Radio.**
- **WCARES provides a framework for us to learn, explore, and exercise many diverse aspects of Ham Radio.**
  - **WCARES University, Portable ops, Field Days, Contesting, POTA, Presentations on Interesting Topics, FT8, QRP, Shack tours, Monday night practice and SKYWARN Nets, SET, antenna builds, equipment show and tell, new mode demos, Scout Jamboree,...**



# PUBLIC SERVICE

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**Public service represents many things – from communication support for 5K's, triathlons, bike rides, parades and walks, to Emergency Response.**

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**Jack & Back is one event we can help support.**

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**Goal: Bring more public service opportunities for future WCARES participation.**

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**Volunteering for events is a great way to gain experience providing communication support and working with event personnel and officials. It's a great way to develop and practice both **technical** and **soft skills**.**

***“...technical brilliance is not enough.” -- Florman***

# VOLUNTEERISM, ARRL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER, VOTA

- **Volunteerism is what keeps WCARES (and ARRL) alive and prospering.**
  - I am thankful, and WCARES is fortunate to have many talented and engaged volunteers.
- **ARRL is recognizing “volunteers at all levels” designating 2023 as the Year of the Volunteer.**
- **VOTA, Volunteers on the Air, is a year long activity designed to get people on the air.**
  - **Contact ARRL Volunteers or Members on the air and earn points.**



# ARES



**Mission: As an ARES organization, the primary function of WCARES is to provide all support within our capability to our primary served agency, the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency, especially in times of urgent need as well as in routine matters.**



**Achieve and maintain organizational readiness through a core of mission capable members.**



**We support our community.**



# FELLOWSHIP AND TEAMWORK

- Tuesday morning breakfast
- Thursday lunches (except Wed during Hospital Net)
- Antenna team
- Mentoring
- Portable Ops, Ukulele concerts in the park
- POTA, with or without Pooches

# HELPING OTHERS

- **“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others.” – Dalai Lama**
- **Much of what we do in WCARES is helping others.**
- **I am very proud and honored to serve as EC and as a member of WCARES.**