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# MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

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April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Kirk Park, Ottawa County

9791 Lakeshore Ave, West Olive, MI 49460

- Contest Hours: 12PM Noon to 12AM Midnight EDT
- Social Hours: 8AM to 12AM Midnight EDT\*

You are invited to join in the Michigan QSO Party contest at the Kirk Park Lodge, sponsored by the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (NOARC). Kirk Park Lodge is a heated, powered building nestled atop the dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan. Operators will have the opportunity to work radio stations (provided for you or you can bring your own) on SSB and/or CW across five HF bands during the 12-hour contest. It is a great opportunity to sharpen your contesting skills or learn new ones.

This is a casual, social event, open to all who wish to participate. No length of time commitment or skill level is needed to attend or work at a radio station. New hams are encouraged and will have fun running a contest station. Those who want to enter the hobby but haven't yet are also encouraged to attend and will have the chance to work a radio station with someone.

Lunch and Dinner will be provided by NOARC at no cost to you, along with coffee and bottled water. A certificate of participation will be given to all those who attend. There is a deck and firepit area available for socializing and relaxing. The lodge has hard bunks for attendees choosing to spend the night. Bedding for the bunks is not provided.

Please contact Kevin Ranke, KE8VZS, at [kevinranke@fastmail.com](mailto:kevinranke@fastmail.com) or Levi Gates, N8GMZ, at [levi.gates@gmail.com](mailto:levi.gates@gmail.com) to RSVP. It is also recommended that those interested join NOARC's Groups.io reflector to receive updates as the event approaches: <https://w8cso.groups.io/g/main>



Photo: Exterior of Kirk Park Lodge



Photo: Interior of Kirk Park Lodge (bunks not shown)

Michigan QSO Party Contest info: <https://miqp.org/>

More lodge info: <https://www.miottawa.org/Parks/specs/kirkparklodgeovernight.htm>

Info on NOARC: <http://www.W8CSO.org>

Additional opportunities to participate: Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, setup will start at 3pm, Holland State Park POTA activation at 7pm