

## Invitation to ARES Registration

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. (<http://www.arrl.org/ares>)

Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES. Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES... ...Because ARES is an Amateur Radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement for membership. (<http://www.arrl.org/ares>)

The time has come to once again take stock of our ARES resources. In the event of an emergency, it is critical for Emergency Coordinators to know what and where emergency communications resources may be found. In order to update our records and get a better idea how many amateur radio operators might be available in the event of an emergency, we are asking that all Flathead ARES members re-register by using the attached FSD-98 form. In addition to current members, we also invite anyone wishing to become a member to register as well. So, if you are interested in remaining on the ARES roll, or getting on for the first time, please complete the attached form and either send it to:

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c/o FVARC/ARES  
P.O. Box 7156  
Kalispell, MT 59908

Or, if you are able, you can scan your completed form and email it in PDF format to [k7cja@arrl.net](mailto:k7cja@arrl.net).

The information you provide on this form will be put into a spreadsheet and placed in the private ARES library of the FVARC website. Only Emergency Coordinators and Assistant Emergency Coordinators will have access to this information. In addition, a copy of this form will be forwarded to Section Emergency Coordinator Todd Gransel (AE7V).

If you would like more information regarding ARES please follow the link to the ARRL ARES website at: <http://www.arrl.org/ares>.

Sincerely,

Chris Amyes  
K7CJA  
ARES Emergency Coordinator  
Flathead County, Montana