

2020 CVARC Picnic VHF Sprint

- Points for Voice QSO in the VHF bands, 6m, 2m and 1.25m. One point per QSO. Simplex only, no repeaters. See below for recommended frequencies.
- No classes for power or equipment-a QSO is a QSO.
- Multipliers are gained for each spot from which a QSO is made. The total multiplier is the total number of locations where a QSO is made. For example, your home is one. If all QSOs are made from home, your multiplier is 1. If you get QSOs from home and two parks, your multiplier would be 3. You must complete at least 1 QSO from a location for it to count as a multiplier.
- Eligible locations would be any place you would bring a picnic; parks, beaches, etc. Each location must be separate from other locations you use to count. Moving from one parking area to another at the same park doesn't count.
- Stations can be operated once per band per location. You can work the same station from more than one location. You can also count QSOs from other activities, like SOTA, as there will be several people working local peaks at the same time.
- The exchange is your call sign plus the number of locations you have worked so far (i.e., if I were in my second picnic area plus home I would say "W6KME, Station three"). If you are QSOing with someone working a SOTA peak, you will need to give them their required exchange as well-generally your grid square and call sign.
- The Sprint will start at 0800 local on the day of the CVARC Virtual Picnic and end at 1100, three hours later. Tally your QSOs and multipliers, and give them to Keith W6KME at the CVARC Zoom Virtual Picnic. Logs will not be checked or turned in, this is just for fun, but in the event of a tie, a neatly-kept log is always a good habit. The winner will be announced at the end of the Zoom meeting. You must come to the Zoom meeting to enter your score!
- The usual calling frequencies for each band are recommended, 50.125 SSB for 6M, 146.520 for 2M, and 223.5 for 1.25M. If a frequency is already in use for non-contest traffic, change to another frequency.

When operating outside your home, follow all guidelines for health safety. Mask usage, separation, and any other procedures should be followed.