

Berrien County SKYWARN Preamble for Weekly Net Call Up

"This is _____ Net Control Station for the Berrien County SKYWARN Net. The purpose of tonight's net is to provide training for the purpose of reporting the progress of severe weather as it approaches and travels through Berrien County. This Net meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm (1900) local time on the primary repeater frequency 146.820 with the 442.775 cross-band link with both having an 88.5 pl. In case of repeater shutdown for any cause the alternate frequencies are: 147.180 with a 94.8 pl, 146.720 with a 131.8 pl, or 146.46 simplex."

"Regular participants in this Net are Berrien County members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, and other licensed amateurs sincerely interested in emergency communication service."

"Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic? Please call _____over**"

"I will now go through Roll Call as I have it" (*Roll call furnished by the Net Manager*)

"I will now standby for any other station wishing to check into the Berrien County SKYWARN Net. When checking in please give your call sign, name, and location. This is _____over." (Pause for check-ins and write down call signs)

"This is _____. I acknowledge the following stations" (*read off stations that checked in*).

If no ANC yet from the list of check-ins ask a station to be the Alternate Net Control.

"_____ Can you be my alternate this evening?"

"Any station not able to check in on this repeater may check in on one of the alternate repeater frequencies at this time."

Appoint someone to check the Niles repeater 147.180 _____.

Appoint someone to check the St. Joseph repeater 146.720. _____.

Appoint someone to check the 146.46 simplex. _____.

▶▶▶▶ Refer to Alternate Frequency Skywarn Net Preamble below◀◀◀◀

"While those stations are checking the alternate frequencies I will stand by for any additional stations wishing to check into the SKYWARN net. This is _____ Net Control."

(Acknowledge reports from alternate frequencies)

Training (if any)

Emergency Coordinators Report (if checked in)

Net Managers Report (if checked in)

Agency Report (if checked in)

Request weather observations from three net participants.

Roundtable:

“Any club or organization announcements?” (BARA, Four Flags, etc)

“Any other comments, questions, or announcements to come before the net?”

Call next week’s NCS and advise that they will have the Net.

“I will make this the last call for any stations wishing to check into the Berrien County SKYWARN net. This is _____ Net Control.”

Acknowledge stations that check in.

Confirm the number of check-ins with the alternate control and advise the EC.

(Count them off the air and then let ANC know your count. If there is a discrepancy in the count, close the net and then go over the list.)

Closing the net

“The Berrien County Skywarn net is now closed. Normal repeater operation may resume. Thanks to all for your participation. Thanks to BARA (if using the .82 or .72) for the use of their repeaters.

And thanks to the Four Flags Club (if using the .18) for the use of their repeater.”

“This is _____ clear.”

** The use of the word over is optional. Some consider it useful others do not.*

▶▶▶▶ Alternate Frequency Skywarn Net Preamble: ◀◀◀◀

When entering the alternate frequency please listen to make sure the frequency is not in use.

“This is _____ acting Net Control for the Berrien County Skywarn net. Are there any stations wishing to check into this net using the _____ (frequency)? When checking in please clearly state your call sign, name, location and whether you have any traffic for the net.

This is _____ acting Net control.”

Pause for check-ins.

Acknowledge check-ins.

“This is _____ returning this frequency back to normal use. Thank you for the use of the repeater.”

Report back to Net Control.