

Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

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WHO: All amateur radio operators

WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

WHEN: Sunday, June 21, 2026 - 0000 UTC

Saturday, June 27, 2026 - 2359 UTC

HOW: This net will accept check-ins via BBS Bulletins only. Send a check-in via any participating BBS, with active forwarding, any time during the week.

This month, net control has asked participants to use the packet HTML Check-in form, available at:

https://vden.org/pktnet/check_in.html

The net will continue with taking check-ins via Packet, Winlink, APRS, and VarAC.

SB PKTNET@USA

Subject: Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your State

Message: (Form contents from the above link with comments)

PKTNET INSTRUCTIONS:

This net is designed to help maintain and sharpen your digital skills across multiple platforms. We encourage all operators to take advantage of this training/net opportunity.

NET SCHEDULE:

STARTS: Sunday, June 21st @ 00:00 UTC ENDS: Saturday, June 27th @ 23:59 UTC

NOTE: NO EARLY CHECK-INS PLEASE! Check-ins must be sent within the window above.

CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS:

FORM: Please use the "Net Check-in" Packet HTML form:

https://vden.org/pktnet/check_in.html

NETWORK HUB STATIONS: If possible, please utilize a TPRFN Hub station.

List: <https://www.tprfn.net/tprfn-hub-station-profiles>

LOGGING: In the comment section, please specify the Hub station and band used (or note if a non-TPRFN station was used).

MAPPING: All check-ins will be mapped at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZrtB3pv8QW9LrRhBKRmOHE-MHykuoWs&usp=sharing>

INSTRUCTIONS BY MODE (Credit received for each mode used)

PACKET:

Address Bulletin to: PKTNET@USA

Subject: Name, Call, Town, State

Message: Paste HTML form data.

Packet Extra Credit:

Using the New Skywarn Report Generator found here:

<https://www.tprfn.net/skywarn-reporting>

Use the SB PKTNET@USA address in the drop down.

Subject: Use the generated subject

Message: Copy & Paste message text. (see form example below)

WINLINK:

Address Your Message to: TPRFN

Subject: Name, Call, Town, State Message:

Paste HTML form data

Winlink extra credit:

If you would like extra credit for sending a Packet check-in?

Here is how:

Address Your Message To: WLGATE

Subject: N3MEL (do not enter anything else but my call)

Message: DO NOT SEND ANY WINLINK FORMS, only send the Packet Net Check-in give it a try.

APRS:

Send Message To: N3MEL-6 Message
Text: Name, Town, State

VarAC:

Address Your Email Message to: TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG
Subject: //WL2K Name, Call, Town, State (You must add the //WL2K in subject)
Message: Paste HTML form data

RESOURCES & RECRUITMENT:

LOCAL FORMS: Download the full suite to your PC: <https://vden.org/pktnet/>

BECOME A HUB: Interested in supporting the network?
<https://www.tprfn.net/contact-us>

Thank you for your continued support of the network.

HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Skywarn Form Example

SB PKTNET@USA

WX REPORT - TEST ONLY - DISREGARD - YOUR TOWN, STATE,

*** TPRFN SKYWARN SEVERE WEATHER REPORT ***

SENDER CALL : YOUR CALL
SPOTTER ID : YOUR SPOTTER ID (LEAVE BLANK IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE)
EVENT TYPE : TEST ONLY - DISREGARD
DATE/TIME : 2026-06-10 21:48 L
GRID SQUARE : YOUR GRID SQUARE
LOCATION : YOUR TOWN, STATE,

REMARKS : TEST MESSAGE FOR THE JUNE PKTNET.

SENT VIA PACKET RMS / TPRFN NETWORK
WWW.TPRFN.NET

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Don't feel obligated to enter a detailed message if it's difficult; the important part is the Subject line!

The VDEN website (<http://vden.org>) includes information about the Central Virginia BBSes, how to send personal mail and bulletins, and methods for connecting over RF (Packet / Vara via Terminal / Winlink / Outpost).

Bulletins created on the N4VEM BBS will be forwarded over Vara FM to the KN4LQN BBS, which will then forward over Vara HF to the N3MEL BBS and the wider regional packet network.

Reach out if you have any questions!

73,
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