



Houston ECHO Society & GHAC ARC Disaster Services Amateur Radio Classes 2010 Training Schedule

The Houston ECHO Society is again teaming up with the Disaster Services Department of the GHAC American Red Cross to offer Amateur Radio Classes. Now is the time to take a Amateur Radio Class and **FINALY** get your license or **FINALY** get that upgrade to a General Class license! Come and work through the material in a classroom setting where you can get your questions answered first hand and learn the ins and outs of Amateur Radio Communications.

All Classes are FREE of charge to attend.

COURSE INFORMATION

Technician Class (Step 1 or Level 1)

The Technician Class license is typically the first Amateur Radio license most Amateur Radio Operators obtain. The class will cover the information needed to pass the Technician Class License Exam. All participants will need to have the textbook: [ARRL Ham Radio License Manual](#). Textbooks will be made available at the first class session for \$20.

Arrangements can be made to pickup the book prior to the first class meeting. Loaner books will also be made available for the duration of the class if you do not wish to purchase a book. The VE Testing sessions are typically not a part of the course, but there is usually one scheduled at the GHAC the week after the last day of a class. Information on testing sessions will be made available towards the end of the class.

General Class (Step 2 or Level 2) (prerequisite – have current Technician license)

The General Class license is typically the second Amateur Radio license most hams obtain, or rather they upgrade to General from their Technician License. In order for individuals to register for this class they must already have a Technician Class Amateur Radio License, or have taken a Technician class within the last year from ECHO. The class will cover the information needed to pass the General Class License Exam. All participants will need to have the textbook: [ARRL General Class License Manual](#). Textbooks will be made available at the first class session for \$20. Arrangements can be made to pickup the book prior to the first class meeting. Loaner books will also be made available for the duration of the class if you do not wish to purchase a book. The VE Testing sessions are typically not a part of the course, but there is usually one scheduled at the GHAC the week after the last day of a class. Information on testing sessions will be made available towards the end of the class.

HOW TO REGISTER

All participants are asked to pre-register for the class they wish to attend to insure a spot is saved for them. Walk-ins will only be accepted on the **FIRST** day of each class provided there is space available.

To register for a class please send an e-mail to: register@hamclass.n0xfd.com

Please include the following information: Name, E-Mail Address, a Phone #, and the Class # from the Schedule. You may alternately call 713-498-9802 and leave a message with the same information.

You will receive a e-mail or phone call back to confirm your registration.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions please contact Charlie Matthew N0XFD at n0xfd@yahoo.com or 713-498-9802

INSTRUCTORS

Instructors for this course are experienced Amateur Radio Operators of the Houston ECHO Society. If you are interested in assisting with the teaching any of these classes please do not hesitate to contact Charlie Matthew N0XFD.

2010 Class Schedule ECHO / GHAC ARC Amateur Radio Classes

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-001Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Tuesday	Jan 26	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Thursday	Jan 28	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Tuesday	Feb 2	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Thursday	Feb 4	7pm-10pm	Day 4

(Testing Avail 2/6 9am, 2/23 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-003Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Saturday	Mar 20	9am-4pm	Day 1
Saturday	Mar 27	9am-4pm	Day 2

(Testing Avail 4/3 9am, 4/27 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-004Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Tuesday	May 25	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Tuesday	Jun 1	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Tuesday	Jun 8	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Tuesday	Jun 15	7pm-10pm	Day 4

(Testing Avail 6/22 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-006Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Monday	Sept 20	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Wednesday	Sept 22	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Monday	Sept 27	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Wednesday	Sept 29	7pm-10pm	Day 4

(Testing Avail 10/2 9am, 10/26 7pm @ GHAC)

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Class #: 10-007Tech

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Saturday	Oct 16	9am-4pm	Day 1
Saturday	Oct 23	9am-4pm	Day 2

(Testing Avail 11/6 9am, 11/23 7pm @ GHAC)

GENERAL CLASS

Class #: 10-002Gen

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Prerequisite – Hold Current Technician License

Thursday	Mar 17	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Tuesday	Mar 22	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Thursday	Mar 24	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Tuesday	Mar 29	7pm-10pm	Day 4
Thursday	Mar 31	7pm-10pm	Day 5
Tuesday	Apr 5	7pm-10pm	Day 6
Thursday	Apr 7	7pm-10pm	Day 7

(Testing Avail 4/27 7pm, 5/1 9am @ GHAC)

GENERAL CLASS

Class #: 10-005Gen

GHAC – Main Chapter Building

Prerequisite – Hold Current Technician License

Tuesday	Sept 7	7pm-10pm	Day 1
Tuesday	Sept 14	7pm-10pm	Day 2
Tuesday	Sept 21	7pm-10pm	Day 3
Tuesday	Sept 24	7pm-10pm	Day 4
Tuesday	Oct 5	7pm-10pm	Day 5
Tuesday	Oct 12	7pm-10pm	Day 6
Tuesday	Oct 19	7pm-10pm	Day 7

(Testing Avail 10/26 7pm @ GHAC)



See first page of this flyer for registration information.

The Houston ECHO Society is a general interest amateur (ham) radio club serving greater Houston Texas and is a ARRL Special Services Club. ECHO stands for Emergency Communications by Ham Operators.

ECHO exists to provide emergency communications to various public service agencies in the greater Houston area. In order to fulfill that objective the ECHO society owns and operates repeaters that may be used in times of emergencies as well as providing a pool of trained radio operators to assist in that effort.

Because amateur radio is such a broad hobby ECHO employs the use of special interest groups, or SIG's, so that members and non-members alike may participate in common interest projects and aspects of amateur radio. ECHO offers classes, test sessions, operates repeaters, and participates in various contests such as the ARRL field day.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend our meetings, membership is not required to attend a meeting. If you would like to become a member of the Society, membership dues are only \$20 per calendar year. Please see the club treasurer at a club meeting. Additional information on ECHO and meeting times can be found on our website:

<http://www.w5eco.org>