

Hams & Scouting Help Each Other Grow!

Scouting is an ideal way to introduce Amateur Radio to the next generation of hams! Contact your local Scout Council or District today and offer to provide ham radio events for them.

Activities You Can Offer

- Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)
- Summer Camp Ham Stations
- Camp-O-Ree, Scout-O-Rama
- Radio Merit Badge Classes
- Field Day Joint Event, "Radio Daze"
- Backpacking Support
- Fox Hunts
- National Scout Jamboree Support
- Public Service Communications

Promote JOTA

- Third Full weekend in October
- Offer to set up a portable station at a Scout Camporee or Camp
- Have an Open House at your club station
- Set up EchoLink stations to assure world-wide contacts

Teach Radio Merit Badge

- Register as a Merit Badge counselor.
- Badge is about half of a Tech exam.
- Can be taught in 4 -5 hours.
- Common requirements on radio terms, equipment, spectrum, propagation, safety.
- Then choice of Ham Radio, SWL, or Broadcast focus.
- Each Scout demonstrates all required items.
- No changes, additions or omissions.
- Use individual workbooks if in a group.
- Offer a follow-up Tech course.
- Teaching material is online at

<http://k2gw.tripod.com/radiomeritbadge/>

Ham Radio at the National Jamboree

- Held Every Four Years; Next In 2010.
- 36,000 Scouts; 6,000 Scouters.
- 52 Hams on Staff.
- 325 Hams Checked In As Visitors.
- 105 Scouts Licensed Thru Classes & VE Exams.
- 400 Scouts Earned Radio Merit Badge.
- 2010 Goal - A Ham Communications Officer in Each of the 22 Sub-Camps; for Bulletins, Locators, Emergencies.
- K2BSA on all Bands and Modes.
- Let parents know you can send NTS Radiogram messages to the Jamboree.

Tips

- Need to promote events face-to-face at unit meetings and "District Roundtables". Scouts already have lots of activities.
- Best to have ham radio as a component of a larger event, such as a Camporee or Summer Camp.
- Expand the scope beyond just talking on HF; include FRS Radios, Fox Hunts, ISS, Message Relay, NOAA Weather Radio, GPS, APRS, Satellite, Repeaters, etc.

What To Do Monday Morning

Find your local BSA Council:

<http://www.scouting.org/media/lcl.aspx>

- Contact your local BSA Council to locate your District Chairman.
- He can link you with local units.
- Introduce yourself and your interests.
- Hold a ham club open house for Scouts.
- Get registered with a Unit or District.
- Once registered, take the Youth Protection Plan on-line training.
- Become a Radio Merit Badge Counselor.
- Promote radio based Scout activities year round.

Future Ham/Scout Events

- Field Day, June 28-29, 2008 "Radio Daze"

- Illini Jamboree, Sept 12-14 2008, former Chanute Air Force base in Rantoul, IL

<http://www.prairielandsbsa.org/>

- Jamboree On The Air, Oct. 18-19, 2008.

- National Jamboree, July 26 - August 4, 2010

Scout Camps On The Air

A new program planned for BSA's 100th Anniversary, Scout Camps On The Air (SCOTA), will help encourage Ham Radio Operations at Summer Camps & Scout Events. Details at:

<http://kc8bew.net/scota.html>

Some Scout Ham Stations

GB2GP - Scout Association, Gilwell Park, London UK

K2BSA - BSA National Office, Dallas TX

W6BSA - Yolo District, Venture Crew 512

HB9S - World Scout Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland

JA1YSS - Japan Boy Scouts National Office, Tokyo

PA6JAM - Scouting Nederland National Station

5Z4KSA - Kenya Scouts Assoc., Paxtu Station

VK1BP - Scout Assn. of Australia National Station

XE1ASM -- Boy Scouts of Mexico

DU1BSP -- Boy Scouts of Philippines

F3JAM -- Scouts of Iceland

Information Sources

ARRL Scouting Pages:
<http://www.arrl.org/scouts/>

National BSA JOTA pages:
<http://www.scouting.org/international/highlights/22-218.aspx>

Scouting Ham Radio Discussion Groups:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScoutRadio>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ScoutRadioYouth>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/radio-scouting-uk>

Radio Merit Badge Teaching Resources:
<http://k2gw.tripod.com/radiomeritbadge/>

Mirror Signaling:
<http://www.ontargetbsa.org/>

Scout Ham Radio Clubs:
<http://www.k1dwu.net/ham-links/clubs.-scouting.phtml>

SCOTA:
<http://kc8bew.net/scota.html>

Hamvention Scouting Presentation:
<http://YoloBSA.editme.com/Dayton>

Radio Scouting Resources:
<http://YoloBSA.editme.com/W6BSA>

How We Serve As Elmers

Our gifts from generation to generation:

- Give them skills
- Build their character
- Leave them with memories

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Radio Scouting

Boy Scouts is an ideal venue for ham radio events.



Share your love of radio with today's youth to create tomorrow's hams!

2008 Dayton Hamvention
Booth 631 East Hall

Scouting Forum Session
9AM Saturday, Forum Room 2