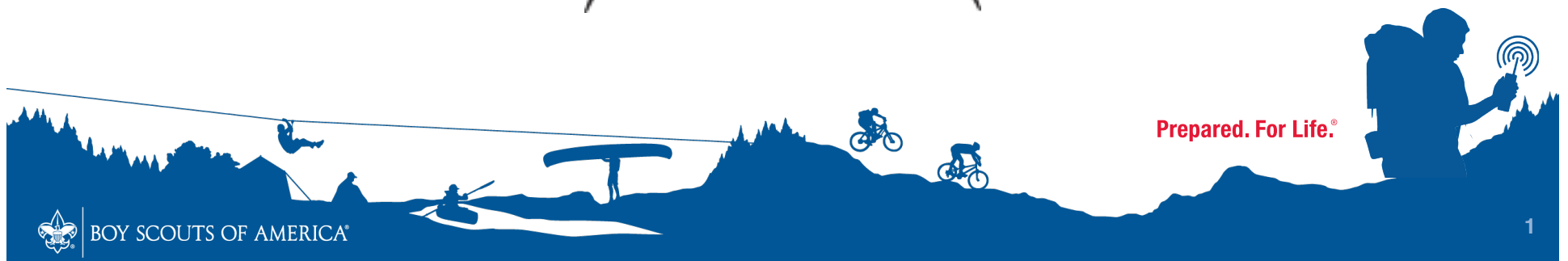


Mentoring the Next Generation of Hams



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Radio Scouting

A joint program of the ARRL and the Boy Scouts of America.

Four Youth Phases

Jamboree on the Air – Gives a taste of amateur radio

Radio Merit Badge – Explores the theory and use of radio

Amateur Radio Operator Strip – Encourages licensing

Morse Code Interpreter Strip – Encourages learning Morse

One Adult Phase

ARRL Amateur Radio Service to Scouting Award

– Encourages Adult Support





Jamboree on the Air

World's largest Scouting event,
bigger even than the World
Scout Jamboree.

750,000 Scouts participate
worldwide

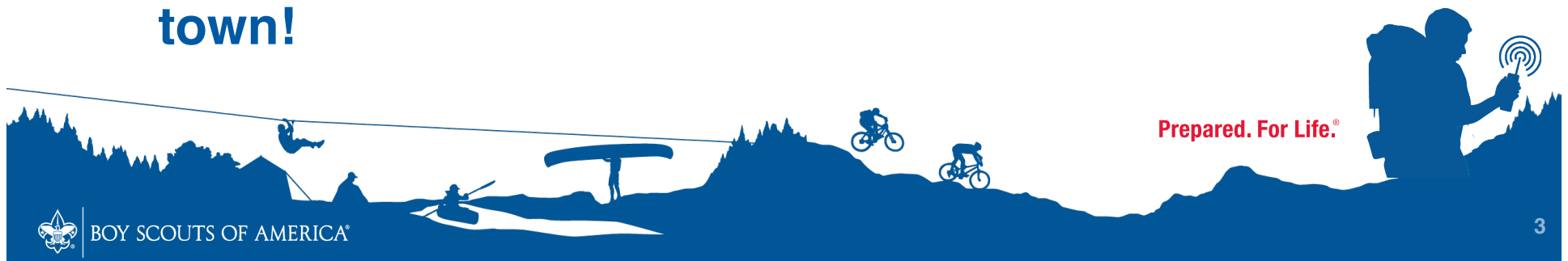
3rd Weekend each October

Host it for the Scouts in your
town!



**Make sure you put JOTA-JOTI 2015
in your diary and calendar**

www.world-jotajoti.info



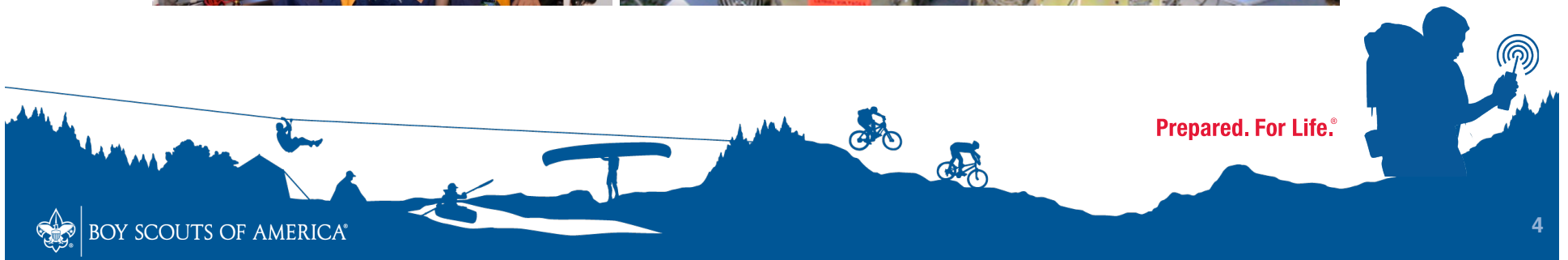
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Jamboree on the Air

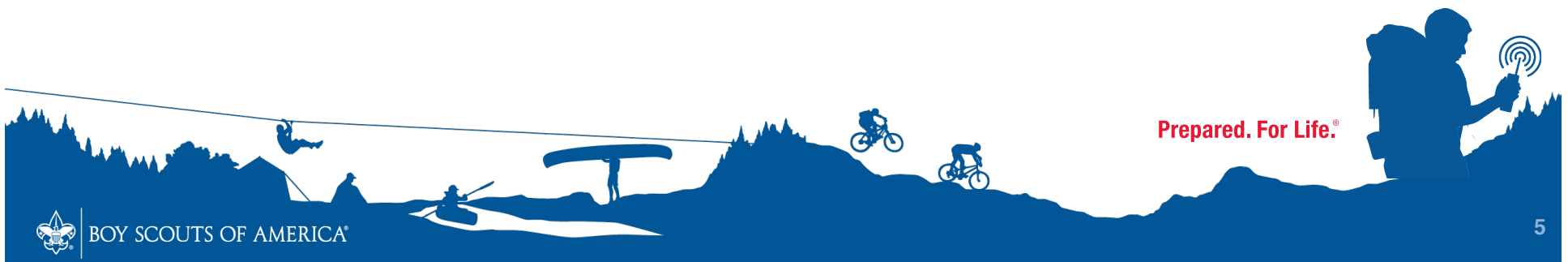


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Radio Merit Badge

- **A perfect fit with STEM**
 - Science
 - Technology
 - Engineering
 - Math





Boy Scouts Organization

Troops

Have the Boys

Districts

Have about 30 Troops

Support the leaders

Approve Merit Badge Counselors

Provide Roundtable meetings of Troop Leaders

Organize multi-unit events, such as MB Days.

Councils

Have Multiple Districts

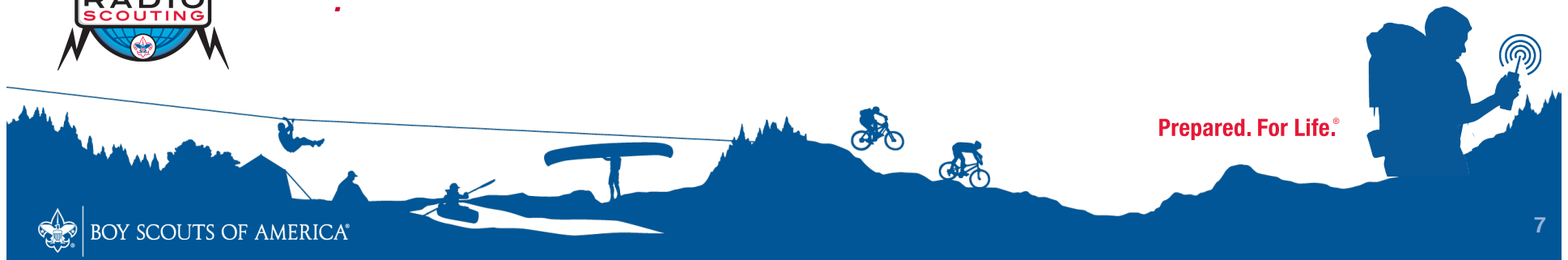
Provide Professional Continuity





Merit Badges in Scouting

- Designed to help kids explore a subject.
- Merit Badges required to be Star, Life and Eagle.
- Don't expect all kids to become Techs, but some will.
- Takes about 3 hours and one on the air QSO.
- Can be done in three weekly troop meetings, or
- Can be done in a one day special event.
- ***Kids LOVE getting any merit badge in one day!***





Planning a Radio Merit Badge Day

- **Start planning six months in advance**
 - See <http://k2gw.tripod.com/radiomeritbadgeday/index.html>
- **Locate a facility**
 - Need classrooms and place for radios, both VHF and HF.
- **Locate a Radio Merit Badge Counselor**
 - Other hams can help, but a registered counselor must sign.
- **Confirm specific hams that will commit to help**
 - Assign tasks - module teachers, station builders, etc.
- **Locate an Active Scouter**
 - To help you find out about roundtables, mailing lists





Planning a Radio Merit Badge Day

- **Identify a date**
 - Check local BSA District Calendar to avoid conflicts
- **Assign a registrar**
 - Keeps attendees informed as to pre-work
 - Keeps group manageable (suggest 12 Scouts at first)
- **Publicize**
 - Email to Scout leaders in district
 - Presentation and flyer at District Roundtable
- **Confirm Other Equipment**
 - Computers, Slides, projectors, and power cords.





Becoming A Radio Merit Badge Counselor

Do the following steps in order:

1. Complete the 20 minute online Youth Protection Plan (YPP) Training at www.myscouting.org and print three certificates.

2. Get and Complete a BSA Adult Registration form.

“A merit badge counselor does not have to pay a registration fee, but must complete an Adult Application for position code 42, fill out this form, and complete BSA Youth Protection training.”

(You’ll need three local references and their phone numbers for it)

3. Complete a Merit Badge Counselor Information form.

- Download from <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
- List “FCC Licensed Amateur Radio Operator” as experience





Becoming A Radio Merit Badge Counselor (Cont'd)

Do the following steps in order:

4. Find a local Boy Scout Troop and talk to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair. Show him the two completed forms and the two copies of your YPP training certificate.
5. Have him sign and send the Adult Registration form and a YPP certificate copy to his Council Office.
6. Have him send the Merit Badge Counselor Info form and a YPP certificate copy to his District Advancement Committee.
7. Offer to teach Radio Merit Badge to his troop once you're approved.
8. Renew annually to avoid repeating this paperwork.



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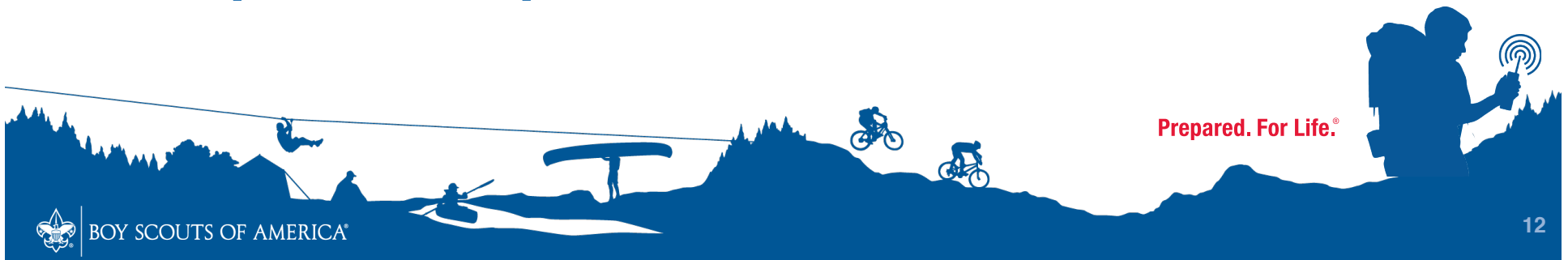
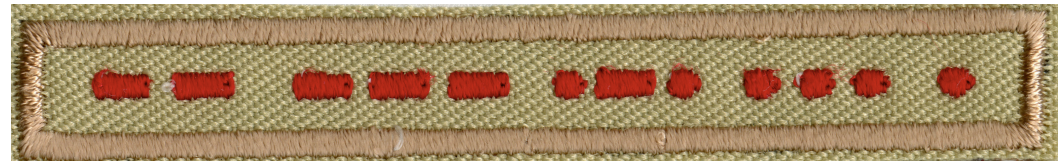
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Amateur Radio Operator



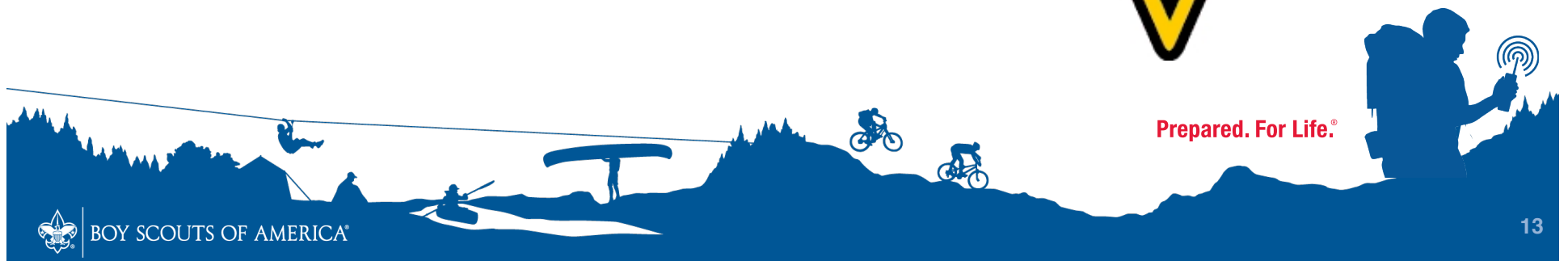
Morse Code Interpreter Strip





ARRL Amateur Radio Service to Scouting Award

Recognizes actively involved Scouting leaders who make a significant contribution to providing Scouts with amateur radio experience.



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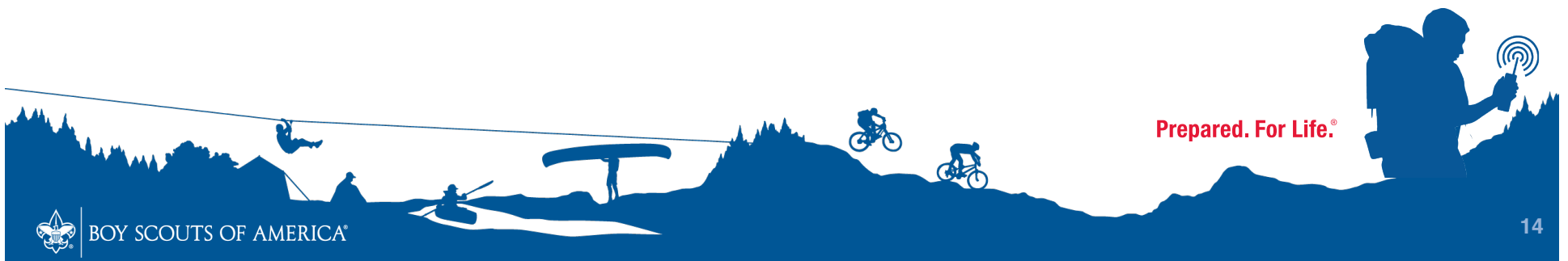


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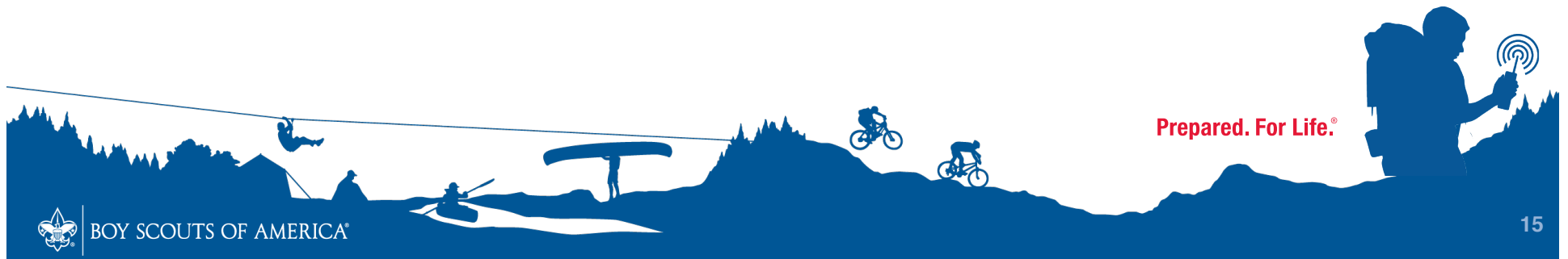
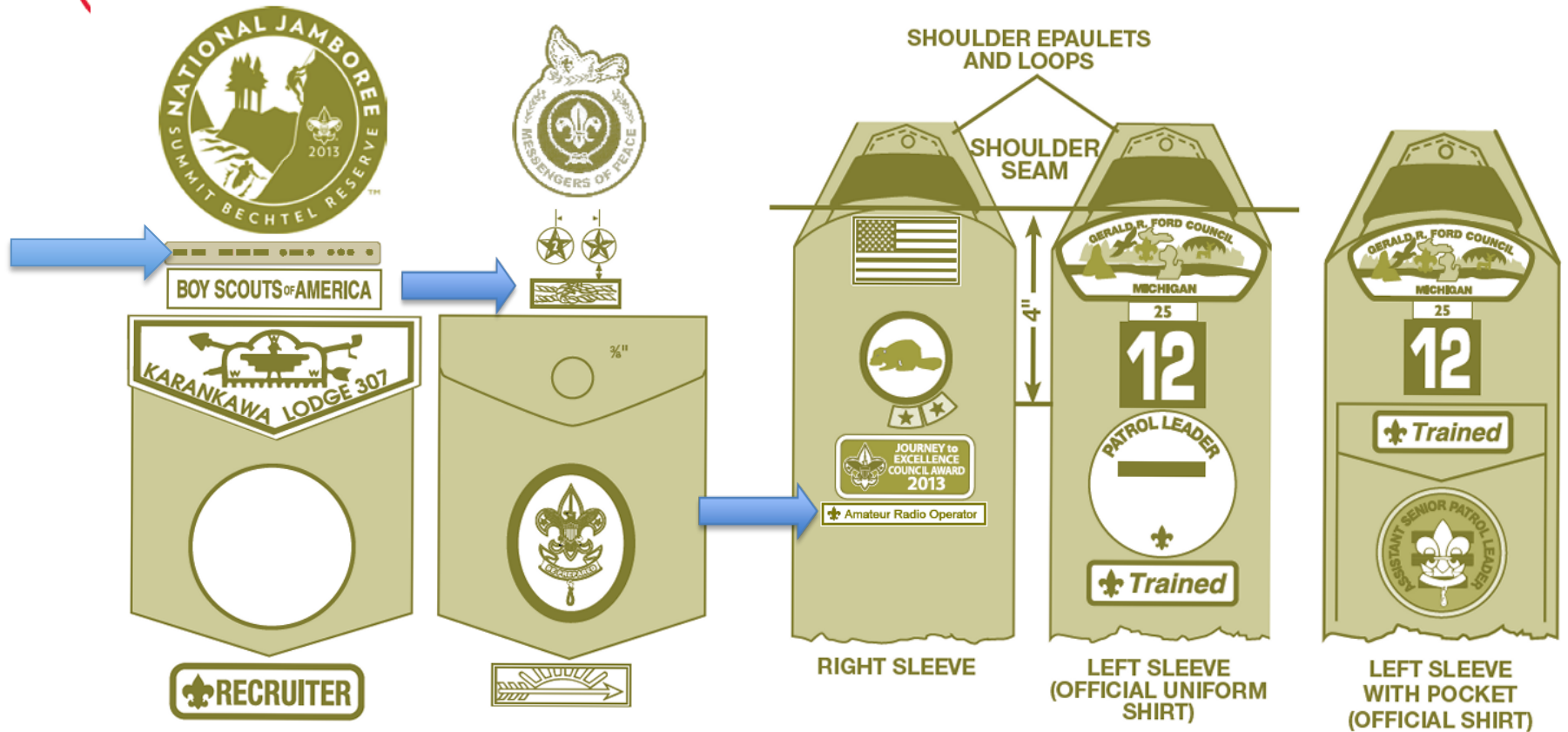
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- **Community
Organization Award
square knot**





Radio Scouting BSA Recognitions





Keeping Radio Scouting Going

Long Term

Your Club

Assign Two Hams to coordinate Scouting events

Your Boy Scout Council

Find Names of the Radio Merit Badge Counselors

Hold a meeting of them and establish mailing list

Organize a Council level Radio Scouting Committee

Publicize JOTA and Radio Merit Badge Days

Meet with Camp Director to equip station at Scout Camp.

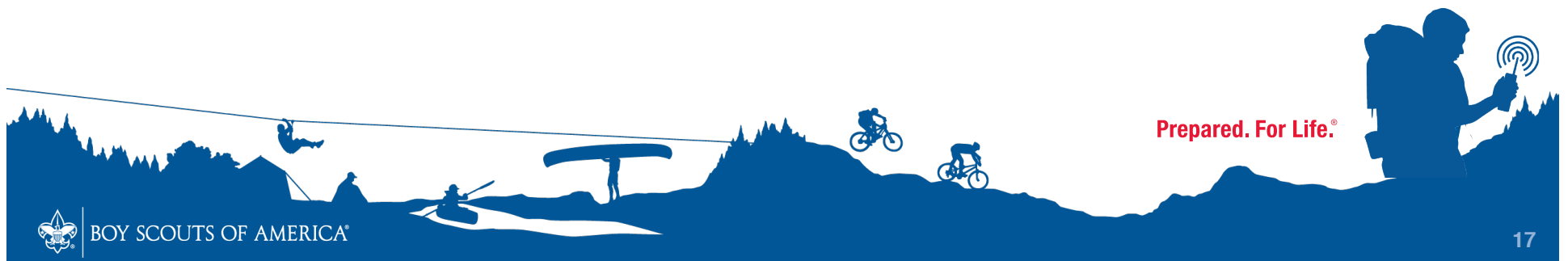
Reach out to clubs to support it.





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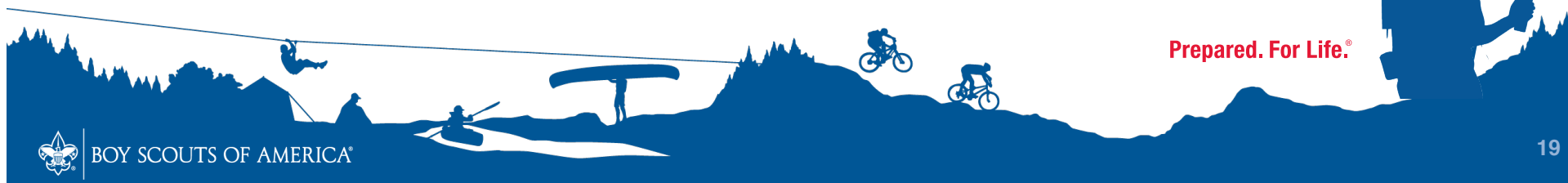
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