

Scouting is an ideal way to introduce amateur radio to the next generation.

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 Jamboree Support

Public Service Communications



More Information

The best sources of Radio Scouting information are at three main websites —

K2BSA Amateur Radio Association, the Radio Scouting organization:

<http://www.k2bsa.net>

Use the menu to find resources on Jamboree on the Air, Radio Scouting, Radio Merit Badge, and while you're there subscribe to the email newsletter.

Boy Scouts of America's Jamboree on the Air webpages:

<http://www.scouting.org/jota>

ARRL web pages on Scouting and on Jamboree on the Air:

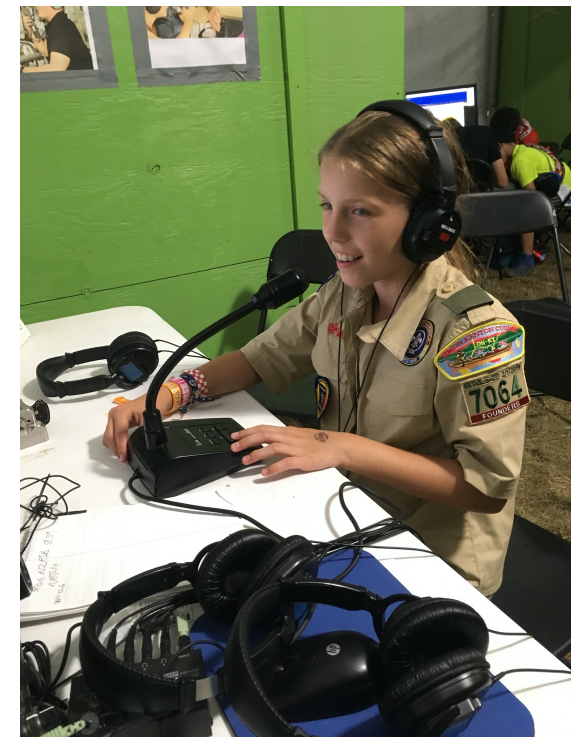
<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-and-scouting>

<http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>



Mentoring the Next Generation of Hams

Share your love of ham radio with today's youth through Scouting



Next Steps:

Find your local Scout Council:

<http://scouting.org/localcouncillocator.aspx>

Call the Scout Council to get the name and phone of your local District Chairman. They can link you with local units.

- Introduce yourself and your interests.
- Hold a Ham club open house for Scouts.
- Invite Scouts to Field Day.
- Get registered with a Unit or District.
- Offer Jamboree on the Air support to the unit.
- Become a Radio Merit Badge Counselor.
- Promote radio based Scout activities throughout the entire year.



Hams and Scouting Help Each Other Grow!

Promote Jamboree on the Air

- 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, D-STAR, DMR stations to assure world-wide contacts

Info at <http://www.scouting.org/jota>

Teach the 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
- Offer a follow-up Tech License course

Teaching materials are online at

<https://k2bsa.net/radio-merit-badge-2/>

Introduce Morse Code

Scouting has a Morse Code Interpreter Strip that has generated a great deal of interest from Scouts. See the requirements and resources at

<http://www.k2bsa.net/morse-code/>

Tips

- Promote events face-to-face at unit meetings and "District Roundtables."
- 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.
- Tie your events and ham radio activities into the STEM initiatives: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.



Future Ham/Scout Events

- ARRL Kids Day, January and June. <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>
- ARRL Field Day, fourth full weekend in June. <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>
- ARRL School Club Roundup. <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>
- Jamboree on the Air, third full weekend in October. Lots of information and resources at <http://www.scouting.org/jota>

Get involved with Scouting and help youth engage with the fun, technology, and magic of Amateur Radio!

