Amateur Radio Station Loan Program

In May 2012, Icom America and the Boy Scouts of America entered a sponsorship agreement by which Icom would be the exclusive amateur radio transceiver and repeater supplier for the National Scout Jamboree and provides up to 10 stations for use by local councils. The program is administered by K2BSA Amateur Radio Association (K2BSA ARA).

Station Loans

The loan program consists of two types of station loans:

- ***Development Loan Stations***. This type of loan facilitates the development of a Radio Scouting program at the local Scout council and provides an opportunity to raise funds to acquire and support a long-term station installation. The duration of the loan is expected to be up to but not longer than 12 months.
- ***Event Loan Stations***. This type of loan is meant to support special events at the local Scout council. This includes but is not limited to Radio merit badge workshops, ARRL Field Day and Kids Day, as well as Jamboree-on-the-Air.

Loan Requirements

The local Scout council, supported by a local amateur radio club with a designated control operator, will need to do the following:

- Complete an application (see page 3).
- Sign the loan agreement (see page 4).
- Submit the application and loan agreement to stationloan@k2bsa.net.
- Maintain the equipment in a secure location and ensure active use by the local Scouting program.
- At the end of the loan, pack up all equipment and ship it to the location specified for either the next loan location or to Icom America for repair/refurbishment.

Equipment

The amateur radio station will be composed of equipment similar but not limited to the following list of items:

- Icom IC-7300 Mk. II HF transceiver
- Icom PS-126 power supply (or similar power supply)
- Icom SM-30 desk microphone
- Icom SP-5 external speaker
- Icom AH-710 folded dipole antenna
- Suitable connecting cables

As technology and new products are introduced, and based on equipment availability, this list will be revised in agreement with the BSA and Icom America, Inc.

Insurance Requirements

The attached agreement specifies that while the loaned equipment is in the local council's possession, the council shall carry insurance to cover equipment theft as well as damage due to neglect or abuse. Additionally, coverage should include damage due to lightning. Loss and damage costs shall not exceed replacement cost of the equipment. The replacement cost of the station above is $3,500, including the shipping case.

Application Process

The application and signed loan agreement should be emailed to stationloan@k2bsa.net attention Donald Sonnefeld, KD2FIL. Upon receipt, the BSA and Icom America will review the application, verifying that all criteria have been met, and determine whether a station will be available for the loan period requested. Notice will be provided to the council on a timely basis.

Shipping Costs

Icom America will cover the shipping costs and provide labels for return of the unit.

Contact

The contact for questions is Donald Sonnefeld, KD2FIL, via stationloan@k2bsa.net

Amateur Radio Station Loan Application

Type of station loan: ☐ Development ☐ Special event

If special event, dates needed: _____

Please describe the purpose of the development station or the special event that you are planning. Note planned events and expected numbers of Scout participants. Use attachments as needed.

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Please describe the location/facility where the station will be located. Pay particular attention to security from theft and damage as well as the accessibility to suitable locations for antennas. Use attachments as needed.

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Please describe the existing relationship with local amateur radio operators and an amateur radio club that can install the station, actively maintain it, offer operating sessions for Scouts, and support special events such as Radio merit badge instruction, Jamboree-on-the-Air, and other events such as ARRL Field Day and Youth-on-the-Air Day.

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If this is a development station loan, please describe how you intend to raise the funds to replace the loan station at the end of the loan.

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If approved the loaner station should be shipped to:

Attention (Name): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail address _____

Application signatures:

Scout Executive _____

Council name _____

Email address _____

Amateur radio club officer _____

Amateur radio club name _____

Email address _____

Designated amateur radio control operator _____

Name & Call sign _____

Email address _____

Amateur Radio Station Loan Agreement

BSA Local Council _____ agrees, in consideration of use of an Icom amateur radio station kit, to provide a secure location for an amateur radio station provided by Icom America, Inc., including suitable electrical power and access to space for antenna installation. When not in use, the equipment will be maintained secure from theft, hazard, and vandalism to the best effort of the local council, including maintaining suitable property insurance coverage.

Local Council has identified and secured commitment from local amateur radio operators and local amateur radio club(s) to operate the amateur radio station on a regular basis to support amateur radio demonstrations for Scouts, encouraging Scout operation of the station under their direct guidance in accordance with all applicable FCC regulations; to hold Radio merit badge training and support; and to operate the station at a minimum for the Jamboree-on-the-Air during the third weekend of October and for other activities such as ARRL Kids Day and ARRL Field Day, among many other possibilities.

If this is a development station loan, Local Council agrees to file a report with the K2BSA ARA every 120 days from the delivery of equipment, outlining the number of days of station operation, the number of Scouts receiving station demonstrations, the number of Scouts operating the station, and the number of Radio merit badges earned. The local council further agrees to file a timely report on its Jamboree-on-the-Air activities.

Local council shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the BSA, K2BSA ARA, and Icom America, Inc. from any and all costs, expenses, claims, awards, actions, judgments, or demands related to claims made in connection with any actions by the BSA, K2BSA ARA and Icom America, Inc. and any advertising or promotion by the BSA, K2BSA ARA, and Icom America, Inc.

While the loaned equipment is in its possession, the local council shall carry insurance to cover equipment theft as well as damage due to neglect or abuse. Additionally, coverage should include damage due to lightning. Loss and damage costs shall not exceed replacement cost of the equipment, which is $3,500.

The term of loan begins on delivery of equipment from Icom and ends upon return of the equipment to Icom America, Inc.

Local Council _____

By: _____
Scout Executive, CEO

Print name _____

Date _____