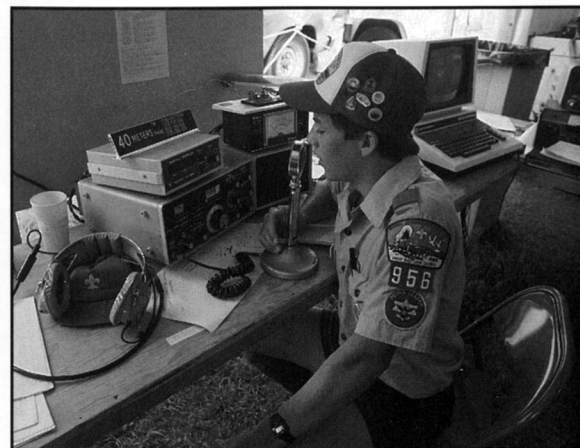


**RADIO
MERIT
BADGE**



WHAT IS THE ARRL?

The ARRL is an organization that supports Amateur Radio operators from all over the world. We publish many Amateur Radio books and provide helpful services to our members. If you'd like more information about Amateur Radio and getting your ham license, just fill out the form below.

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Please send me:
(Check the ones you want.)

- ☐ Radio Merit Badge requirements
- ☐ More information about Amateur Radio
- ☐ Names of Amateur Radio instructors and clubs near me
- ☐ Details about study guides on getting my license
- ☐ More information about the ARRL

Send this to:

ARRL

225 Main St, Dept BSA
Newington, CT 06111

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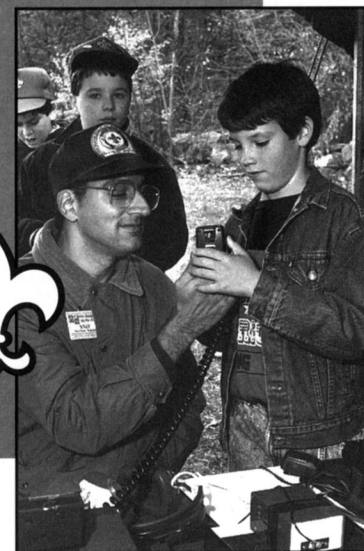
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Earning Your Radio Merit Badge

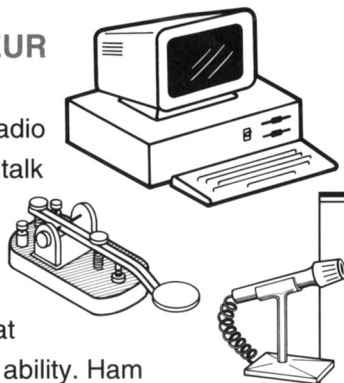
Here is a new way you can communicate—an exciting way you and other Scouts can make new friends across town and around the world. Amateur Radio is an exciting hobby that brings people of all ages together, including many Scouts.

As a Scout, the skills you learn in Amateur Radio will help you earn the Radio Merit Badge. Some of the requirements can include:

- building your own radio
- learning Morse code
- making radio contact with other Amateur Radio operators.

WHAT IS AMATEUR RADIO?

As an Amateur Radio operator (ham), you talk by two-way radio with other hams. Anyone can be a ham—no matter what age, sex or physical ability. Ham radio doesn't have to cost much. Your radio station can be held in your hand or take up a corner in your bedroom! You even get your choice of ways to communicate—voice, Morse code or



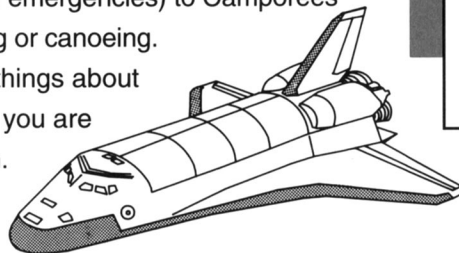
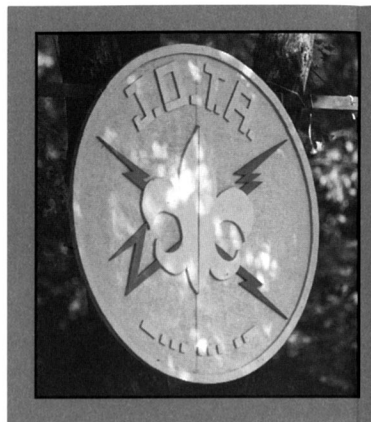
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Scouting and Amateur Radio go hand in hand.

“Jamboree-on-the-Air” (JOTA) is an official Scouting event held every October where hams and Scouts from all over the world talk to each other and have a great time! Hams also use their radios for search and rescue missions or for crowd control at Scout shows and parades. You may want to bring your radio for fun (or emergencies) to Camporees or while backpacking or canoeing.

You'll find many things about Amateur Radio that you are already familiar with. Just compare The Amateur's Code to your Scout Law.

Find Amateur Radio Clubs in your area:
<http://www.arrl.org/field/club/clubsearch.phtml>
 BSA Web site: <http://www.bsa.scouting.org/>



Over a dozen astronaut-hams have flown on the space shuttle and taken their radios along to talk to thousands of hams on earth. Hams talk to each other by bouncing their radio signals off the moon or relaying them through Amateur Radio satellites! Hams even link their radios to computers and send messages back and forth.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

First, ask your Scoutmaster about earning your Radio Merit Badge. Once you have your badge you will have a real head start toward exciting



ham radio activities. With a little more study, you can get your own Amateur Radio license and call sign.

Getting started is easy. All you need to do is spend some time with a beginner study guide.

Now You're Talking and Morse code practice tapes, produced by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), contain all you need to know to pass the license exams. The exams are given by volunteer hams in your area. There is a license that doesn't even require a Morse code test! **Now You're Talking** teaches you basic electricity and rules for talking on the radio. If you like to study with a group, your local Amateur Radio club runs classes.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is...

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind



Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent



THE AMATEUR'S CODE

Amateurs are...

Considerate
Loyal
Progressive
Friendly
Balanced
Patriotic