



Radio Scouting
events at **Camp La-No-Che**
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It's a new year! Get ready for some exciting events at our council!

First: HamCation, Feb 8th, we have 16 scouts from all across Florida taking the Radio Merit Badge. This class is special in that we'll be using the convention vendors to assist. The ARRL/FCC will be able to describe their roles directly, radio manufactures will show the difference between an HT (walkie-talkie) and a base station. Antenna vendors can show wavelength/freq. to antennae size. Concluding with Carole Perry, WB2MGP providing a youth forum.

Election Results, 2020 Officers & Staff

President: Kenneth Lyons, KN4MDJ - ReElected
Vice President: Justin Sligh, KN4MQR - ReElected
Secretary: Dean DeLong, KM4QMB - ReElected
Treasurer: Larry Schnaudigel, KN4LSY - ReElected
BSA Council Representative: Leigh Taylor
Appointed by Central Florida Council, BSA

HamCation Donation Table

We'll have a table at HamCation for donations with various gifts like stickers, buttons, magnets and key-chains. Our goal is to raise funding for this years events to keep our program running, free of charge to scouts.

Mar 28: **Radio Merit Badge** offered at: Merit Badge University 2020 - Florida Tech - Alpha Phi Omega

Visiting ARRL clubs

We'll be visiting several clubs this year to give a youth scouting presentation.
Feb 24: GCARC Golf Coast Amateur Radio Club WA4GDN, New Port Richey, 7pm
Mar 19: Brandon Amateur Radio Society TBD

Youth Membership category for ARRL Clubs

To help encourage youth to join local clubs we're pushing for ARRL clubs to add a new member type, called YOUTH/JUNIOR. A non-voting under 18 youth with fcc license, preferably with no dues.

- YOUTH (free, under 18) This new category is to encourage youth to get mentor-ship and elmers.
- STUDENT (18+, reduced) Most clubs already have a reduced dues, college age category like this.
- ADULT (full price, licensed) The core of all clubs, the main membership.
- Associate (reduced, non-licensed) Most clubs already have this category for spouses.

We're collecting names! Hams, BSA councilors, supporters, scouters.

- Hams: If you are willing to assist in a merit badge, or do field day type demos for youth, we want you!
- BSA Councilors: We are trying to gather contact information for all the Radio Merit Badge councilors in our state, we'd like to co-ordinate some large merit badge classes.
- Supporters: We get grants based on the number of members and participants we have, join now!
- Scouters: If you support STEM and are willing to assist we can use extra leadership at some events for YPT.

So sign-up here: <http://www.radioscouting.us/join.shtml> (your info will not be sold or shared, just a monthly email newsletter.)

We're still working on a list of all the councils in the US that have an active radio scouting program. <http://www.radioscouting.us/radio-scouting-programs.shtml> It's hoped that we can schedule inter-council events in addition to the annual JOTA.

Our mission statement:

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