

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN



ARRL *The national association for*
AMATEUR RADIO

And the



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to state the terms of a mutual agreement (Memorandum of Understanding or MOU) between American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur Radio, and Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The MOU will serve as a framework within which both organizations may, where mutually beneficial, cooperate in, support or cosponsor programs or events intended to foster and promote education, technical awareness, and achievement in Amateur Radio, emergency preparedness and communications, and other joint efforts and undertakings. Each organization comprises volunteers and professional staff in support of their respective educational and technical recognition programs and efforts. It is intended that this agreement will promote joint coordination and exercise of the resources of both ARRL and BSA to recognize the potential and capability of individual members of both organizations in the furtherance of their education and achievement in topics found within Scouting and Amateur Radio.

Recognition

ARRL recognizes BSA as a program of character development, leadership skills, physical fitness and various life and outdoor skills for males ages 7 to 18 as part of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs, and both males and females ages 14 to 21 as part of the Venturing program. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For nearly a century, BSA has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through nearly a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

BSA recognizes ARRL as a non-commercial membership association of radio amateurs, organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation. ARRL is the principal representative of the Amateur Service and Amateur Satellite Services in the United States, and is the Secretariat for the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), the worldwide federation of national Amateur Radio societies. ARRL is organized for the establishment of networks to provide communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies, the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare, the fostering of education, the promotion and conduct of research and development, and the dissemination of technical, educational and scientific information relating to electronic communication, the representation of radio amateurs in regulatory matters, and the promotion of fraternalism and high standards of conduct among radio amateurs. It serves its members by protecting and enhancing radio spectrum access and providing a national resource to the public.

Principles of Cooperation

ARRL will serve as a key resource for K2BSA and Radio Merit Badge training at the BSA National Scout Jamboree. Support may include assisting the K2BSA Director with program development and the recruitment of staff members, coordination with manufacturers to provide necessary equipment resources, providing FCC volunteer examiner (VE) testing supplies for use at the Jamboree, and furnishing Amateur Radio publications for use by K2BSA staff members and visitors.

ARRL will continue to promote participation in the annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) event to its members, the general Amateur Radio community, and Amateur Radio clubs. ARRL will also continue to encourage the organization of local JOTA efforts for Scouts and Scouters to participate in, and provide material resources that aid in an effective JOTA event.

ARRL will serve as contributing editor to the Radio Merit Badge publication (those sections pertaining to Amateur Radio), will assist with the review, creation and modification of requirements as necessary, and will assist in developing course material, lesson plans, and other resources for teaching the Radio Merit Badge to Scouts.

To the extent that BSA desires, ARRL will contribute to the content of the Electricity, Electronics, and Emergency Preparedness and Communications merit badge publications, especially in areas that currently, or may in the future, pertain to Amateur Radio.

BSA, by virtue of its active membership and its outdoor program, represents a significant source of potential new radio operators looking to utilize Amateur Radio for emergency communications while in the field, education, experimentation, and friendship.

BSA will encourage Scouts and Scouters to become familiar with opportunities for public and community service and personal growth through involvement in Amateur Radio.

General Provisions

The parties shall maintain open communication, cooperation, and support in furtherance of their mutual goals and objectives.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended only with the written consent of both parties.

Either party to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by providing written notice to the other party thirty (30) days prior to its intent to terminate.

The parties assume joint responsibility for the form and composition of this Memorandum of Understanding and no provision of this agreement shall be construed presumptively for or against either of the parties.

Neither party to this MOU has the authority to act on behalf of the other party or bind the other party to any obligation.

This MOU is not intended to be enforceable in any court of law or dispute resolution forum. The sole remedy for non-performance under this MOU shall be termination, with no damages or penalty.

FOR THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE:

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Dr. Kay Craigie, President

FOR THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

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Robert J. Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive