



Youth on the Air (YOTA) Region 2 Camp Information

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Activities for the Next Generation of
Amateur Radio Operators in the Americas

About the camp: Our goal is to enrich the amateur radio experience of our campers. They will refine their skills, participate in unique experiences with radio related technologies (Kit builds, Contesting, Antenna build, Satellite Operations, Special Event Station, etc.), meet other young hams through workshops and social events (Dave & Busters & Kings Island Amusement Park to name a few).

Who can participate: Any amateur radio operator between the age of 15-25 that reside in IARU Region 2 (North, Central, and South America). (Space is currently limited to 20-30 campers).

When: June 21-26, 2020

Where: The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, 8070 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 USA (North Cincinnati)

Cost: \$100 per camper. *

Includes: Meals, lodging, admission fees, camp T-Shirt and local transportation (camp activities)

Language: The camp activities will be performed in English. Translators may be available. Ask us for details.

Transportation: Campers are responsible for their own transportation to and from West Chester, OH. Airports nearby are: Northern Kentucky & Greater Cincinnati (**CVG**) or Dayton (**DAY**).

- Shuttle from CVG -> Museum:
 - Sunday, June 21st @ 12:00pm
- Shuttle from Hotel -> CVG:
 - Friday, June 26th @ 4:00pm

Local transportation to all camp activities will be provided.

If you need assistance with travel, contact Marty, NN1C, our travel coordinator at travel@youthontheair.org.

Lodging Details: Holiday Inn Express on Liberty Way in West Chester. Ohio (7750 Liberty Field Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069)

- 2 campers per room, separated by gender and age group, unless staying with accompanying parent
- Single occupancy is available for an extra fee (\$250)

Meals: All meals from Sunday evening through Friday lunch will be provided. Participants with dietary restrictions or allergies must alert the staff in advance so that proper provisions can be made.

Required Forms: Emergency medical authorization, waiver of liability, photo/video consent, and transportation consent. **Staff members/volunteers:** background check authorization.

Other expenses: Souvenirs or any other purchases will be the responsibility of the camper.

Alcohol: Alcohol is not allowed during camp.

Special Event Station: We will be using the callsign W8Y. The special event station will be on the air between sessions and during dedicated time slots. There will also be a station available at the hotel with the possibility of a remote station as well to keep W8Y on the air as much as possible. The HF operating positions will be using the IC-7610, for VHF/UHF will be using the IC-9700.

Major Sponsors: Youth on the Air Camp 2020 will be operated by Electronic Applications Radio Service, Inc (W9EAR). The camp is hosted by the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, West Chester Township (Butler County, Ohio) and the West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA). All radio equipment for the camp will be provided by ICOM America, Heil Sound, X-Tronic, and R&L Electronics. This event is possible thanks to the Yasme Foundation, the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation, Orlando Hamcacion and Orlando Amateur Radio Club (OARC), the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF), Dayton Hamvention and Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA), the Huntsville Hamfest, the ARRL Foundation, Southwest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA), Radio Amateurs of Canada, Steve McGrane, KM9G, and Gary West, K8DEV & Dee Dee West, KA8DXE.

What about Field Day? We are releasing everyone on Friday afternoon so you can get home to your own Field Day. You are welcome to stay and participate with the West Chester Amateur Radio Association for their Field Day on the front lawn of the VOA Museum at your own expense. Anyone under 18 that wants to participate will need to be accompanied by a parent.

For more information: Visit our website at <https://youthontheair.org> and our social media sites.

Questions? Contact Neil Rapp, WB9VPG at director@youthontheair.org.

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Youth on the Air camp 2020 is now an IARU Region 2 Organization supported activity.