

Youth on the Air Camp in the Americas Postponed to Summer, 2021



The first camp for young amateur radio operators in North, Central, and South America has been postponed until Summer, 2021.

WEST CHESTER, Ohio, April 15, 2020—A summer camp for licensed amateur radio operators ages 15 through 25 that was scheduled to take place June 21 through June 26, 2020 at the National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting in West Chester Township (North Cincinnati), Ohio has been postponed until the summer of 2021.

As word of further restrictions and cancellations became public today, the committee decided postponement was the best option given the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety and well-being of our campers, faculty, staff, and the public is our top priority. A postponement to July, 2020 was also considered.

The committee is planning for July, 2021 to host the postponed camp. Campers who were accepted to the 2020 camp will have the first chance at registering for the 2021 camp. The daily schedule and plan for the 2020 camp will be the same for the 2021 camp as much as possible apart from the dates. The committee found that July was a more accessible date for the widest range of campers to attend.

The committee is also looking at ideas for a shortened, virtual camp in the summer of 2020 so that campers can participate in limited activities from home. Details of the online “camp” information will be made available once the plan has been completed.

While many sponsors and donors have already expressed support for just keeping funds to use in 2021, refunds of donations made to the camp are being offered. Groups or individuals wishing to receive a refund should

contact director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG at director@youthontheair.org. Less than \$350 of the money spent thus far went to items that may not be usable in 2021.

More information about YOTA in the Americas can be found at YouthOnTheAir.org, and on YOTAregion2 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

To schedule interviews or obtain additional information about YOTA in the Americas, please contact Camp Director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG at director@youthontheair.org.

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