

YOTA Americas Names Shack in Advance of Upcoming Camp

In memory of Bob Heil, K9EID, the Youth on the Air Camp shack will be named the Bob Heil, K9EID Memorial YOTA Camp Amateur Radio Shack. Operating times for the camp are also being announced.



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, June 28th, 2024—In memory of Bob Heil, K9EID, the Youth on the Air shack will be named the Bob Heil, K9EID Memorial YOTA Camp Amateur Radio Shack. Bob Heil, along with the company he founded - Heil Sound, have supported Youth on the Air from the very beginning. Regardless of what was needed for camp, Bob would never fail to send what we needed and more to use at camp. Youth on the Air will forever remember his legacy in the amateur radio community and his support for YOTA in the Americas.



Youth on the Air camp staff pictured with Bob Heil, K9EID

Activation of the VE1YOTA callsign from the camp in Halifax, Nova Scotia will begin the evening of Sunday, July 7th and conclude on Friday, July 12th. Campers will operate the memorial station as they finish projects, between sessions, and during free time.

In addition, campers will have the opportunity to operate the Bob Heil Memorial Shack during the following dedicated times:

Sunday, July 7th: 0000Z to 0200Z

Monday, July 8th, Wednesday, July 10th
& Thursday, July 11th: 2100Z to 0200Z

Campers will also have dedicated satellite operating times on Wednesday, July 10th from 1230Z to 1500Z.

Campers will be able to ask questions of an astronaut on the International Space Station during the camp as well. The ARISS contact is currently scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 9th at 1430Z or a backup of Wednesday, July 10th at 1345Z.

A highlight of the camp will be a day of POTA activations, one of which will be on an island with a lighthouse - which according to the Parks on the Air website has only very recently been activated once previously. Georges Island National Historic Site POTA ID CA-4838 & ILLW ID CA0053 will be active on Thursday, July 11 from 1300Z to 1800Z. Activations will simultaneously take place from the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, the HMCS Sackville POTA ID CA-5821, and possibly the C.S.S. Acadia POTA ID CA-5432.

The opening and closing ceremonies and the International Space Station contact (ARISS) will be streamed live on the Youth on the Air YouTube channel. The opening ceremony is Sunday, July 7th from 2000Z to 2200Z. The closing ceremony is Friday, July 12th from 1300Z to 1400Z. The channel will also feature a daily highlight video spotlighting the activities of the previous day.

For details about the camp, download the brochure and camp handbook on youthontheair.org/halifax2024/

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