

Youth on the Air (YOTA) Junior - USA Camp Information

About the camp: Our goal is to enrich the amateur radio experience of our campers through unique hands-on radio related activities including kit builds, contesting, and a special event station. Campers will be able to meet other

young hams through social events and active learning sessions to help refine their skills with radio technologies.

Who can participate: Any amateur radio operator under the age of 15 that resides in North, Central, or South America. Space is limited to 15 campers and accompanying parents/guardians. Campers must be licensed amateur radio operators. At least one parent or guardian must also accompany the camper but does not need to have an amateur radio license.

When: Friday, July 25, 2025 1:00 pm EDT through Sunday, July 27, 2025 12 noon EDT

Where: The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, 8070 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 USA (North Cincinnati); for GPS use: Crosley Blvd., West Chester Twp, OH

Cost: \$100 USD *per<u>person (youth and adult(s)</u> (plus transportation to/from Cincinnati) Includes: Meals, one hotel room per family, admission fees, camp T-Shirts, and local transportation for camp activities. Any expenses outside of camp opening and closing are not included; however, hotel discounts may be available for early arrivals and late departures.*

Transportation: Parents & campers are responsible for transportation to and from West Chester, OH. Airports nearby are: Northern Kentucky & Greater Cincinnati (**CVG**) or Dayton (**DAY**). A shuttle van/bus will be secured to make one trip to the **CVG** airport on Friday and one trip to the airport on Sunday for the entire group for your convenience.

Local transportation to all camp activities will be provided.

Activities: Planned activities for the weekend include sessions on operating, kit building, direction finding (ARDF), VOA Museum tour, and social gatherings.

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

Lodging Details: Holiday Inn Express on Liberty Way in West Chester. Ohio (7750 Liberty Field Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069) Rooms will have 2 queen size beds and minifridge.

Meals: All meals from Friday evening through Sunday 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 and Youth Protection Training.

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

Alcohol: Alcohol is not allowed during camp.

Special Event Station: The special event station W8Y will be on the air between sessions and during dedicated time slots.

Major Sponsors: Youth on the Air Camps are operated by Electronic Applications Radio Service, Inc (W9EAR). This event is possible thanks to a generous grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) and our local sponsors, which you can find on our camp web page.

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

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