

Why You Should Attend the Youth on the Air Camp

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Youth on the Air



Abstract

Why any young ham who's licensed and ages 15-25 years old should come to YOTA camp!

Introduction

My name is Jack Roberts (W9RFT). I'm 21 and currently serve on the working group as well as being the Webmaster and general IT support for YOTA Region 2. I have been involved in YOTA since the 2022 camp in Cincinnati, and have since attended camps in Ottawa, Halifax, Denver, and will be attending the camp in Huntsville, Alabama this June. I was first introduced to radio when I was 9 years old, and I received a pair of walkie talkies from my grandparents. Fast forward to January 2020, I received my Technician license and shortly after that my General license. Since then, I have remained active in various organizations including YOTA, the Purdue Amateur Radio Club (W9YB), through which I got my Extra license in 2025. I also was lucky to be invited to the very successful VP2VRX Youth DXpedition to the British Virgin Islands in October 2025.



What activities are at YOTA Camp?

During YOTA camp, campers have the chance to attend sessions lead by other youth about everything from CW and contesting, to satellites and high-altitude balloon launches. Campers will also have the opportunity to use state of the art equipment from Icom like the IC-7610 and ID-52. The most important part is that YOTA campers have the chance to network and bond with other young hams just like them.



What's special about YOTA Camp?

- YOTA Camp is designed specifically for youth, by youth. Nearly every presenter or session leader is a young ham.
- You will learn just how vast our hobby is and how many opportunities
- Camp is only \$100 plus your travel expenses to and from the camp location
- Whether you've been in the hobby for years or are just starting your amateur radio journey, there is something for every young ham at YOTA Camp!



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