

We had 15 scouts complete the Radio Merit Badge at HamCation 2020, 3 have expressed interest for the Tech. Lic. Our classroom was a vacant vendor booth which put our class right in the middle of the convention. I want to give a special thanks to Mr Benton of the Special Events Station, along with Icom, Yaesu, ARRL and QCWA for helping answer requirements for the scouts.



In 2019 we had 12,300 participants, and everyone of them learned “SOS” in morse code. We are on track for 200 Radio Merit Badges this year and hope for 100 new youth tech licenses after summer camp.

We have a new referral service for scouts to connect to hams: <http://www.radioscouting.us/J> when a troop reaches out needing a ham for JOTA or an event demo, we'd like to be able to refer them to willing hams in their area. In addition the more member hams, the more grants we can get to support scouts in STEM. (no spam, just a monthly newsletter.)

Thank you HamCation for allowing us to bring YOUTH in and show them the exciting world of ham radio. We still have donation gifts available.



73 & YIS (*yours in scouting*),

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