



June 26 & 27

Youth and Scouts are invited
to visit and learn about
Radio Communications
during 2021 ARRL Field Day

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air radio event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations, contacting other hams, youth and scouts around the world without infrastructure. Many groups practice their disaster preparedness by setting up in the same conditions as a disaster: no phones, no internet, no grid power...

**Field Day can be a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies,
an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!**

Find your local event here:

<https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

<http://www.kn4mdj.com/fieldday>

73 & YIS (yours in scouting),

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"Bringing Amateur Radio Scouting programs to a half million scouts in AL, GA, FL, PR, USVI"

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrrl-now-offering-new-radio-and-wireless-technology-patch-program-for-girl-scouts>



Please forward this to your district and youth leaders. **It's hoped that every ACTIVE TROOP will get a copy of this email/attachment.**

ARRL Section - Georgia

GSUSA - Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

ARRL Section - West Central Florida

GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of West Central Florida

ARRL Section – Alabama

GSUSA - Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

ARRL Section - Northern Florida

GSUSA - Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Gateway Council
GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Citrus Council

ARRL Section - Southern Florida

GSUSA - Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida
GSUSA - Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida

ARRL Section - US Virgin Islands

USAGSO - USA Girl Scouts Overseas—U.S. Virgin Islands

ARRL Section - Puerto Rico

GSUSA Caribe Girl Scout Council

I've reached out to 40+ ham clubs across our division and all their responses have been positive and many will welcome scouts/youth to visit this year. **This is an IN-PERSON learning event – usually outdoors**, so if your local troops & youth are doing activities this will be something special for them. Most county governments will be activating their Emcom and Mobile command trailers to assist on this day. Some EOC's (emergency operation centers) will also activate to take part, ensuring that all aspects of communications are tested.

Field day is an ARRL event that is done yearly, just before hurricane season to ensure everyone is ready for disaster communications. The Florida panhandle might remember a bad week with no cellphones...a dozen emcom trailers were sent up to help restore temporary services and get disaster messages and info relayed to state agencies.

World Scouting has an event called JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air), 3rd weekend of October where MILLIONS of youth & girl guides across the world get on the air and internet to interact. Thinking Day on the Air is another event that is exclusive to girl-guides. **If your council has an active program or someone that normally sets up your events, I'd like to get their contact info** to co-ordinate trans-council and trans-national events through the year.

I'm building a list of active councils that offer Radio Scouting events and education... a program that leads to tech careers, 5G, scholarships and jobs in the telco industries...and a cornerstone of many STEM programs as it combines all the sciences. (Youth, as young as 8, have earned their federal radio license before their driver's license!)

For those that don't know me, the position or what all this is about... here is my appointed position and role in the ARRL.

ARRL Southeastern Division - Assistant Division Director for Radio Scouting

Promote Radio Scouting activities and opportunities in both the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs covered by the Division. Participate in regular discussions with ARRL HQ, National BSA and National GSUSA regarding the Radio Scouting program and how best to improve the program nationally and in the Division.

Areas covered: 31 BSA councils, 14 GSUSA councils in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands **for a half million scouts/youth.**

<http://www.arrl.org/girl-scouts-radio-patch>

Radio and Wireless Technology Patch Program

Girl Scouts can learn fundamentals of radio communication and wireless technology and take action in their communities to apply communications to connect people, provide safety, and explore related careers.

- Learn the fundamentals of wireless communication

- Explore radio science through hands-on learning with Amateur Radio

- Use radio communication to talk around the world and for public service and safety

- Learn how wireless technology is used in everyday life and in careers

As part of this program, Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to learn about Amateur Radio (also known as “ham” radio) and do hands-on activities with Amateur Radio. They can also learn about broadcast radio, emergency and public service communications, and explore ways wireless technologies are used in everyday life and in the workplace.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-now-offering-new-radio-and-wireless-technology-patch-program-for-girl-scouts>

The ARRL has begun offering a new Girl Scouts “Radio and Wireless Technology” patch program that offers opportunities for participants to learn about wireless technology, including Amateur Radio. Scout leaders and Amateur Radio volunteers associated with the Greater Atlanta Girl Scout Council, and Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains developed the program to incorporate information and exploratory activities that provide a backdrop for understanding radio communication.

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-and-scouting>

Girl Scouts Celebrate Thinking Day on the Air

As part of annual "Thinking Day" activities celebrated each year in February, Girl Scouts also get on the air to share their thoughts.