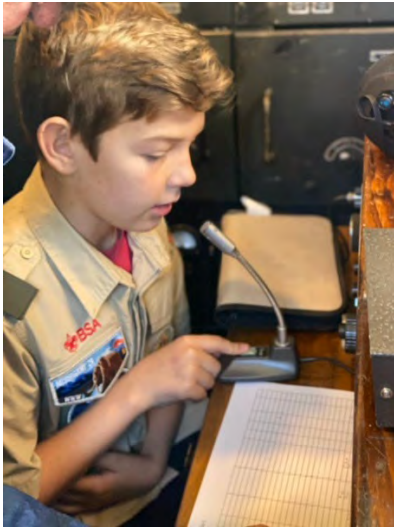


Blue Water District 2023 Jamboree-on-th-Air



The Bluewater District of the Michigan Crossroads Council BSA will host its second annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) event on Saturday, October 21st, 2023. The event will again be held at the Pine Grove Park, on the Huron Lightship, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This event is free and offers activities for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Explorers, Venturers, and Sea Scouts. Join us for a chance to talk on amateur radio with Scouts overseas, Canada, Mexico, and many U.S. States.

The Huron Lightship is the last remaining U.S. Coast Guard Lightship on the Great Lakes, and it's also a staffed museum. It is located at Pine Grove Park, 800 Prospect, Port Huron, MI.

This event is open to Scouts Canada units, Current certification in BSA Youth Protection Training is required of all Scouts Canada adults. This training is free online and is valid for 2 years once it is completed. To take Youth Protection training go to [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and create an account. You'll receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/reference number. You don't need to be a registered Canadian or BSA Scouter to take the training. But when you have completed the Youth Protection training, please print a copy of your certificate.

If you would like a 2023 BSA JOTA/JOTI patch you can purchase them online or we will have a limited number of 40 patches available for sale on the day of the event. Michigan Crossroad Council Units can order the BSA JOTA/JOTI 2023 emblem online at <https://www.scoutshop.org/jotajoti-2023-emblem-660418.html>. Canadian Scouters cannot order the patches online. I will, however, assist any Unit that wants patches.

Scouts Canada Scout Groups should complete and submit a Scouts Canada Adventure Application Form - https://scoutsca.s3.amazonaws.com/2023/02/adventure-application-form_.pdf which is required by Scouts Canada for short international trips, and bring a copy of

the completed form with you. This will verify that all Canadian youth and all Canadian adult leaders are registered with Scouts Canada. It does not require parents on the trip to be registered which is OK with BSA if it is a day trip and doesn't include an overnight.

The U.S. government states at <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/western-hemisphere-travel-initiative>

What types of documents are accepted for entry into the United States via land and sea?

U.S. and Canadian citizen children under the age of 16 (or under 19, if traveling with a school, religious group, or other youth group) need only present a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship. The birth certificate can be original, photocopy, or certified copy. - *It has been confirmed that a Scout group qualifies as an "other youth group."*

Canadian citizens can present a valid passport, Enhanced Driver's License, or Trusted Traveler Program card (NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST).

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