



Amateur Radio Station Loan Program

In May 2012, Icom America and the Boy Scouts of America entered a sponsorship agreement by which Icom would be the exclusive amateur radio transceiver and repeater supplier for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree and provide up to 10 stations for use by local councils beginning in 2012 and extending through 2018.

Station Loans

The loan program consists of two types of station loans:

- ***Development Loan Stations.*** This type of loan facilitates the development of a Radio Scouting program at the local Scout council and provides an opportunity to raise funds to acquire and support a long-term station installation. The duration of the loan is expected to be up to but not longer than 12 months.
- ***Event Loan Stations.*** This type of loan is meant to support special events at the local Scout council. This includes but is not limited to Radio merit badge workshops, ARRL Field Day and Kids Day, as well as Jamboree-on-the-Air.

Loan Requirements

The local Scout council, supported by a local amateur radio club with a designated control operator, will need to do the following:

- Complete an application (see page 3).
- Sign the loan agreement (see page 4).
- Submit the application and loan agreement to jota@scouting.org.
- Upon approval, provide shipping account numbers to jota@scouting.org so shipment can be arranged from the station's current location to the local council. Those costs can be expected to range from \$20 to \$50 via UPS Ground, depending on the distance to be shipped. UPS advises us to use "freight collect" with the receiving council's account number.
- Maintain the equipment in a secure location and ensure active use by the local Scouting program.
- At the end of the loan, pack up all equipment and ship it to the location specified for either the next loan location or to Icom America for repair/refurbishment.

Equipment

The amateur radio station will be composed of equipment similar but not limited to the following list of items:

- Icom IC-7200 HF transceiver
- Icom PS-126 power supply
- Icom SM-30 desk microphone
- Icom SP-5 external speaker
- Icom AH-710 folded dipole antenna
- Suitable connecting cables

As technology and new products are introduced, and based on equipment availability, this list will be revised in agreement with the BSA and Icom America, Inc.

Insurance Requirements

The attached agreement specifies that while the loaned equipment is in the local council's possession, the council shall carry insurance to cover equipment theft as well as damage due to neglect or abuse. Additionally, coverage should include damage due to lightning. Loss and damage costs shall not exceed replacement cost of the equipment. The replacement cost of the station above is \$3,500, including the shipping case.

Application Process

The application and signed loan agreement should be emailed to jota@scouting.org, attention Jim Wilson, K5ND. Upon receipt, the BSA and Icom America will review the application, verifying that all criteria have been met, and determine whether a station will be available for the loan period requested. Notice will be provided to the council on a timely basis.

Shipping Costs

The local Scout council is expected to pay the shipping costs required to move the amateur radio loan station from its current loan location to the local Scout council. Shipping information and billing information must be provided in order to transport the equipment to the next location. The Pelican Case container is watertight and secure. No other shipping materials are needed. The case weighs 60 pounds and measures 29 inches long, 18 inches wide, and 11 inches tall. UPS advised to use "freight collect" with your account number. Costs via UPS Ground are expected to be in the \$20 to \$50 range depending on the shipment distance.

Contact

The contact for questions is Jim Wilson, K5ND, via jota@scouting.org

Amateur Radio Station Loan Application

Type of station loan: _____ Development _____ Special event

If special event, dates needed: _____

Please describe the purpose of the development station or the special event that you are planning. Note planned events and expected numbers of Scout participants. Use attachments as needed.

Please describe the location/facility where the station will be located. Pay particular attention to security from theft and damage as well as the accessibility to suitable locations for antennas. Use attachments as needed.

Please describe the existing relationship with local amateur radio operators and/or an amateur radio club that can install the station, actively maintain it, offer operating sessions for Scouts, and support special events such as Radio merit badge instruction, Jamboree-on-the-Air, and other events such as ARRL Field Day and Kids Day.

If this is a development station loan, please describe how you intend to raise the funds to replace the loan station at the end of the loan.

Application signatures:

Scout executive

Council _____

Email address _____

Amateur radio club name

Club officer _____

Email address _____

Designated amateur radio control operator

Call sign _____

Email address _____

Amateur Radio Station Loan Agreement

BSA Local Council _____ agrees to provide a secure location for an amateur radio station provided by Icom America, Inc., including suitable electrical power and access to space for antenna installation. When not in use, the equipment will be maintained secure from theft, hazard, and vandalism to the best effort of the local council, including maintaining suitable property insurance coverage.

Local Council has identified and secured commitment from local amateur radio operators and/or local amateur radio club(s) to operate the amateur radio station on a regular basis to support amateur radio demonstrations for Scouts, encouraging Scout operation of the station under their direct guidance in accordance with all applicable FCC regulations; to hold Radio merit badge training and support; and to operate the station at a minimum for the Jamboree-on-the-Air during the third weekend of October and for other activities such as ARRL Kids Day and ARRL Field Day, among many other possibilities.

If this is a development station loan, Local Council agrees to file a report with the BSA National Council every 120 days from the delivery of equipment, outlining the number of days of station operation, the number of Scouts receiving station demonstrations, the number of Scouts operating the station, and the number of Radio merit badges earned. The local council further agrees to file a timely report on its Jamboree-on-the-Air activities.

Local council shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the BSA and Icom America, Inc. from any and all costs, expenses, claims, awards, actions, judgments, or demands related to claims made in connection with any actions by the BSA and Icom America, Inc. and any advertising or promotion by the BSA and Icom America, Inc.

While the loaned equipment is in its possession, the local council shall carry insurance to cover equipment theft as well as damage due to neglect or abuse. Additionally, coverage should include damage due to lightning. Loss and damage costs shall not exceed replacement cost of the equipment, which is \$3,500.

The term of loan begins on delivery of equipment from Icom and ends upon return of the equipment to Icom America, Inc.

Signed this day _____

Scout executive _____

Local council _____