

## **KA1FFO**

Baltimore Area Council, 220

4 Rivers District, Troop 119, Odenton, MD

Call sign used: KA1FFO

Amateur call signs heard and worked: VK7ZE from Tasmania and KOHPS from Illinois

Number Participating:

Boy Scouts: 5

Radio amateurs: 1

Visitors: 3

After completing the STEM Merit badge day at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Troop 119 returned to Camp Saffran, which is part of Broad Creek Scout Reservation. The boys were able to make two contacts, one stateside and one international. The international contact was located in Tasmania, which all the scouts were excited about. In preparation for JOTA, Troop 119 listened to a presentation from SM Al Furlow, KA1FFO, about the differences between portable radios and home stations. The scouts were also able to try their hand at morse code. Troop 119 plans on utilizing what they've learned about portable radio communications on their backpacking trip to the AT Trail in November.