

Boy Scouts enjoy Jamboree-on-the-Air

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Tallahassee Boy Scouts talked to other Boy Scouts in other parts of the country using amateur radio as part of the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree-on-the-Air on Oct. 15.

Each year, more than 400,000 Scouts from all over the world "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared by means of amateur (ham) radio. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event.

The radio stations are operated by licensed amateur radio operators. Here in Tallahassee, the event was sponsored by the Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society). It was coordinat-



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Matthew Zawrotny, Boy Scout Troop 109, talks to another scout in Tampa while James Ryder controls the station.

ed by **James Ryder**. He was assisted by **Phil Ashler, Mike Maynard and Stan Zawrotny**.

Local Scouts talked to other Scouts throughout the Southeast. The club station also talked with scouts at K2B5A, the official Boy Scouts of America Amateur Radio station, which kicked off the event with a cannon firing in Appomattox, Va.

Radio is one of the merit badges Boy Scouts are able to earn.