

# Why You Should Attend Youth On The Air(YOTA)!

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## Abstract

Why I believe anyone who is a licensed HAM and within 15-25 years of age, whether you know it all, or just got your Tech and just know the basics, should go to YOTA!

## Introduction

My name is Dylan Romero, I am 20 years old with my Generals license. I got my tech at the age of 17 during 2020.

I was first introduced to Amateur radio when we had a missionary couple that had some radios that they brought with them, and I was able to talk on a radio for my first time. This sparked my interest into the world of RF.

I found YOTA by the virtual QSO Ham Expo during the year of 2020 in March. I did attend two of the camps, but I will talk about the most recent camp.

## Reasons to attend

- First, this camp is \$100 to attend for a week, not including transport to attend the camp.
- Second, you get to meet 29 other youth that love the same hobby that you do.
- Third, there are tons of fun activities that have been prepared by others who love the hobby also, but they are trying to turn it into a "For Youth By Youth" type event.
- If you want to help, make this an even better camp with your ideas, you can also become a volunteer to plan and execute ideas with others.
- Finally, you will learn and retain more information than you could learn in a year because you are having fun learning with friends.

## Reasons Not to Attend

- There are none!

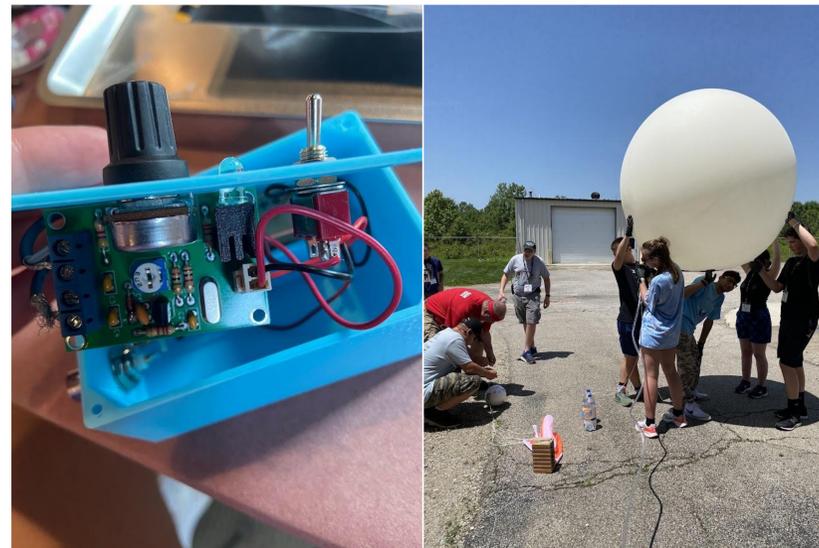


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## Activities/Experiments

The activities that I thought were the most fun, were the kit building and balloon launching activities; being able to create a device to aid in radio communications and then use it, was awesome! I also liked getting to diagnose the kit build (if you do happen to have issues); to be able to troubleshoot and fix the issues, then have it work like it was supposed to, was very rewarding (even though it was tedious and annoying).

It was also amazing learning how to launch a weather balloon to create data points and track the weather. Learning how to set one up for yourself and use it for your own experiments is especially helpful for young aspiring scientists. As well as being able to track it to see where the wind currents pull the balloon and finally seeing where it lands.



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Another event that we got to learn about and experience, was a Foxhunt. We competed with antennas we made ourselves.

We also got to go to the local theme park, Kings Island. At the theme park, we got to ride on a ton of rides, have fun with friends and even do a QSO competition. At the end of day, it was even topped off with an awesome firework and drone show!

There was also a pizza and pool party at the hotel, where we got to talk and got to know each other better, after we splashed one another plenty of times.



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## References

<https://youthontheair.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1LVWge18cxFh0SnHemQ2zQ>

