



ScoutsACT Radio Calendar

2026

Month	Date	Time	Event	Location
May	3 rd	9-12am	Shack Sunday - Reopening of the renovated Radio shack	Camp Cottermouth
	10 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	17 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	24 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	31 st	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	31 st	3-5pm	Tech Sunday	Mt Mugga Scout Hall
June	7 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth Mt Mugga Scout Hall
	13 th - 14 th	9am-5pm	Foundation Amateur Radio Certification Course	Mt Mugga Scout Hall
	14 th			
	21 st	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	29 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	29 th	9-12am 3-5pm	Shack Sunday Tech Sunday (programming handhelds)	Camp Cottermouth Mt Mugga Scout Hall
July	4 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	11 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	18 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	25 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	25 th	3-5pm	Tech Sunday	Mt Mugga Scout Hall
August	2 nd	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	9 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	16 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	23 rd	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	30 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	30 th	1-5pm	Tech Sunday (Antenna Workshop)	Mt Mugga Scout Hall
September	6 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	13 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	20 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	27 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	30 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	30 th	3-5pm	Tech Sunday	Mt Mugga Scout Hall
October	4 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	11 th	9-....	JOTA preparation	Camp Cottermouth
	17 th -18 th	All weekend	JOTI/JOTI	Camp Cottermouth
November	1 st	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	8 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	15 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	22 nd	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	29 th	9-12am	Shack Sunday	Camp Cottermouth
	29 th	3-5pm	Tech Sunday	Mt Mugga Scout Hall

Shack Sunday

Each Sunday morning from 9 to 12am the Radio shack at Camp Cottermouth will be open and operating. This is to allow opportunity for those youth members and adult members who are qualified, to use the radio equipment at the Camp. It is also a chance for other individual youth members and Patrols that might be looking to develop an SIA in STEM to come and learn about amateur radio and the opportunities it opens into the world of radio and electronics.

Youth members coming to the Shack Sunday **must** be accompanied by a Leader or an Adult (Parent/ Carer), as it can't be guaranteed to always have two members of the Radio team present.

If you intend coming to Shack Sunday, please email radio@scoutsact.com.au by Wednesday of that week.

Tech Sunday

Tech Sundays are mainly for those members of Scouts who have received an ACMA qualification. The aim is to improve their skills and to develop a wider understanding of Amateur Radio. Some months may be a presentation on a radio topic by a member to the Radio team or by someone from CRARC 9Canberra Region Amateur Radio Club other activities may include antenna building and use of equipment.

Tech Sundays normally run on the last Sunday of the month normally from 3 to 5 pm at the Mt Mugga Scout Hall 17 Astrolabe Street Red Hill

Although primarily for the Tech team visitors are welcome.

Foundation Certification Training

To operate Amateur Radio equipment under a Class Licence issued by ACMA 9Australian Communication and Media Authority you need to gain a qualification and a Call Sign in one of three categories

- Foundation
- Standard and
- Advanced

ScoutsACT offers a training course at the Foundation Level and assistance to those studying for the higher qualifications. Learn more about the program at [Foundation Training Course](#).

JOTA/JOTI

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) has been a fixture in the International Scouting Program on the third Wednesday in October since its inception in 1958. The aim is to promote worldwide communication and friendship using Amateur Radio.

In 2026 ScoutsACT will be holding a Camp at Camp Cottermouth. The JOTA organising Committee will provide a wide range of activities that have a focus on radio communication, while also providing activities with a wider appeal.

This year JOTA/JOTI follows close on the heels of Cuboree and so is aimed more at the Scout /Venturer /Rover Sections of the Youth program. Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts won't be left out but there will be a reduced range of activities for that age group.

Full detail and the registration process for JOTA/JOTI 26 will be available in late July/early August once the details are released by Scouts Australia.

BUT Mark the DATE 17/18 October – Plan to be there.

ScoutsACT Radio

ScoutsACT Radio has three functions

- Program Support
- Technical Support
- Education

Program Support

Program support is applied in many ways across the Scout program in the ACT

To aid this process, ScoutsACT Radio maintains two UHF repeaters which provide coverage of the Canberra urban area and the Cotter precinct and a suite of handheld radios which are programmed to the frequency of these repeaters and are available for the use by groups.

These Radios are available by contacting the Branch Office.