



**The Bert Johnson Memorial Scout
Amateur Radio Station**

WD9BSA

**Crossroads of America Council BSA
Camp Belzer**

Open Operations days are open to the public to come and visit the WD9BSA station at Camp Belzer, Scouts needing any communications requirements for advancement or merit badges are welcome to come and fulfill as much as possible. Specially scouts wanting to get on the air, no license necessary as a guest-third-party-operator with the supervisions of WD9BSA Group members. Groups larger than 10 should contact us to schedule a program for them.

The Venture Crew Open House is for any youth (boys AND girls) between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in Amateur Radio, youth do not have to be members of a scouting unit, but if they are, being in two units is OK, and doesn't cost anything extra to have a dual registration. Scouts in the Crew will have the opportunity to operate the Station during twice monthly Crew meetings (to be determined) and will have licensing classes offered as well as other Amateur Radio related service and event training. Yearly Skywarn training will be part of the regular Crew learning opportunities and Crew Members will also be able to volunteer for many events that Amateur Radio helps with around Central Indiana (marathons, Bike Races, an Air Race, 5:00 Festival events in May and some charity events). Emergency Preparedness will become part of the Crew training and volunteering with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be offered for anybody interested. Not to mention operating the wonderful amateur radio station at WD9BSA for contests, and just general rag chewing when the crew meets. The Station can be made available for special events as well, and in the future, the station may be used for special events too.

Two regular Amateur Radio Events are part of our regular activities as well. One specially for Scouts is the International Jamboree On The Air which allows scouts to communicate with other scouts from around the country and around the world (conditions permitting, you can't always tell where you'll be making contact sometimes :) This events lasts for 48 hours beginning on Friday and ending on Sunday. Camping permits from the council are available. All Scouts and Scout Units are welcome to come participate!

Another great event is the ARRL Field Day in June, usually the third weekend. This is another event for ALL amateur radio operators. Sponsored by the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) with the purpose of getting on the air using stations that might be seen used during times of disasters, so you might see a station run from a car, or in a shelter, or with a generator for power, or a windmill/bicycle/animal trot/solar or whatever alternative electric source you can come up with, even batteries! Bring out your field equipment, set it up, put up some field/portable/temporary antennas, plug into your power and get one the air. See how many contacts you're station can make in 24 hours! There were 4 station groups operating at Camp Belzer in 2015! Making thousands of contacts!

So there you have it! Interested? Contact us, come to an open operations day, join our Crew! And get on the air!

For more information.....

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Operating Schedule

2017

June 9

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

June 24-25

11:00 Saturday to 14:00 Sunday

ARRL Field Day

September 9

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

October 14

13:30 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

October 20-22

17:00 Friday to 17:00 Sunday

JOTA - Jamboree on the Air

November 11

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

December 9

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

2018

January 13

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

February 10

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

March 10

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

April 14

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

May 12

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

June 9

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer

June 23-24

11:00 Saturday to 14:00 Sunday

ARRL Field Day

September 8

13:00 to 19:00

Open Operations Day at Camp Belzer