



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# EXPLORER POST 599

## The Ham Radio Club for Teens

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to officially invite you to join Explorer Post 599 for Field Day 2011. Explorer Post 599 is an amateur radio club devoted to helping teenagers learn the basics of engineering and ham radio. We have weekly meetings filled with hands-on activities and educational programs. We also have provided emergency communications for public service events such as bike races and triathlons. Currently there are about ten active youth members, but we have had many more in the past.

On the fourth full weekend of June every year, we participate in the American Radio Relay League Field Day. Field Day is an annual amateur radio contest that is designed to test emergency preparedness and emergency communication abilities. This event started in 1933 and has grown to become one of the biggest amateur radio events in existence. Using only generators, batteries or solar power, hams set up emergency stations in parks, shopping malls and back yards to test their skills under less-than optimum conditions. The slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't!" is more than just words to hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, the Internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. A total of 37,765 amateur radio operators operating in 2648 groups across the country participated in last year's event.

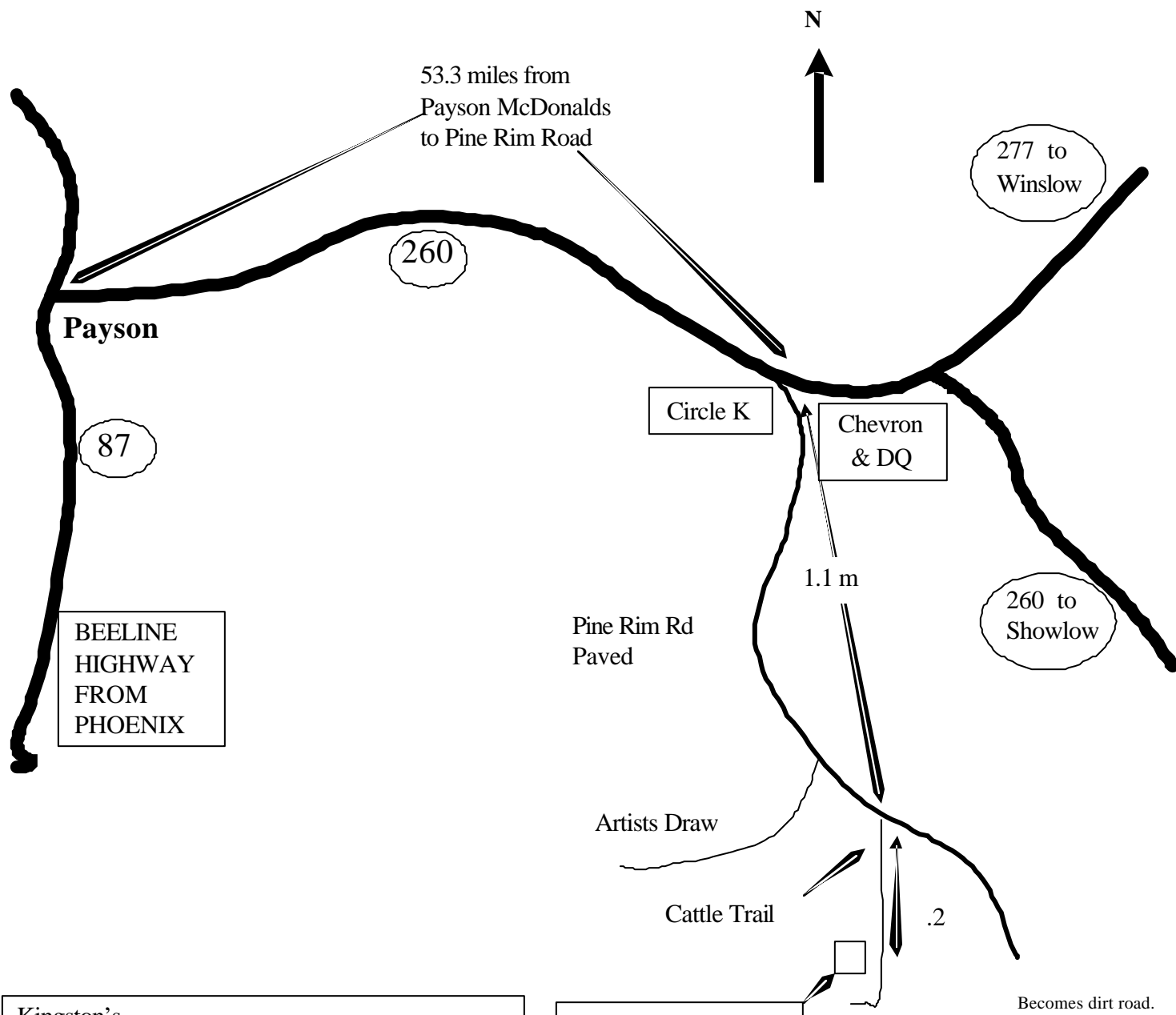
The Explorer Post participates on Field Day from the front porch of a cabin in Heber, Arizona. One of our members lets us use this location for the weekend event. On Friday we set up the stations and by Saturday at 11:00am we begin exchanging information with as many stations as we can in the next twenty-four hours. Several of the members, including myself, attempt to stay up and operate all twenty-four hours without sleep. Last year we placed number one in the state of Arizona in our class, making 1819 contacts with other stations all around the United States and Canada. We even contacted 19 stations via amateur radio satellite!

On the weekend of June 25-26, 2011, local residents will have a chance to meet and talk with ham radio operators and see for themselves what this "radio service" really is about. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet and talk with the hams. They might even help you get on the air! The Get On The Air station (known as GOTA) is specifically for unlicensed and inexperienced operators to have fun at Field Day by getting their feet wet and making a few (or many) contacts on the radio.

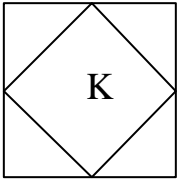
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