



# Radio Scouting



Below you will find some information that will help you explore the amateur radio world.

Links to places to study for tests:

[www.hamtestonline.com](http://www.hamtestonline.com)  
[www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)  
[www.w5yi.com](http://www.w5yi.com)  
[www.hamuniversity.com](http://www.hamuniversity.com)  
[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

Places to purchase a radio:

[www.hamradio.com](http://www.hamradio.com)  
[www.maintradingcompany.com/](http://www.maintradingcompany.com/)  
[www.hamcity.com](http://www.hamcity.com)  
[www.universal-radio.com](http://www.universal-radio.com)  
[www.aesham.com](http://www.aesham.com)  
[www.gigaparts.com](http://www.gigaparts.com)

Types of radios:

Many new licensees start with a handheld radio which can range in price from \$100 single band 2 meter to \$400 dual or triband 144/440/220. There are also mobile radios that can be used in you car on your house. These range from a \$150 single band 2 meter to \$800 for a dual band 144/440.

There are several different ways amateur radio is used in the community. These are just a few of them: public service events (bike rides, runs, parades), storm spotting, public utility outages, emergency communications for disasters, and the most important - having fun and making new friends.

Visit [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) to find an Amateur Radio Club in your area.

Visit <http://tiny.cc/bsa> for more information on the Radio Merit Badge. Also, you will find a pdf version of the power point for your to refer back to.

