

The JCC Maccabi Games® is the largest Jewish youth event in the world. From August 6 – August 11, 2017, the Capital Region will welcome more than 700 visiting teens from across the globe that will compete in Olympic style competition. The games will also include 300 host families, 800 volunteers and 75 local teen athletes competing.

This five-day athletic competition and community event will begin at the Times Union Center with Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, August 6. Over the course of the week, athletes from around the world will compete in sports as well as educational and community building activities.

Amateur Communications will be involved in providing logistical and public safety messages between simultaneous multiple venues at sites in the Albany County towns of Guilderland, New Scotland and Bethlehem. Between 12 and 15 amateurs will be needed in each shift. Volunteers are needed in full or half day shifts at all locations between Monday, August 7 and Thursday, August 10. Shifts will begin at 7:30 AM and run through completion of activities at about 5:30 PM. Some additional limited support will also be needed on Thursday through 9 PM for the closing ceremonies.

Volunteers must be licensed amateurs 17 years of age or older. Some assignments will be at fixed points, others will need to be portable. Due to security requirements, all volunteers must be credentialed in advance by Games organizers. Communications volunteers are asked to submit registration forms directly to SEC David Galletly KM2O and not use the regular online volunteer system since this would put them into the regular volunteer pool for other activities. Event T-shirts will be available to volunteers. ARES safety vests must be worn. We will need V/U transceivers and battery power to cover entire shifts. Some transceivers and ARES safety vests may be available to borrow, however, we ask that you bring these to the events as much as possible.

The Capital Region is proud to host these games for the first time. Albany County Emergency Management and the Games organizers have specifically requested amateur communications support for this large planned event. This is an opportunity to publically show our capabilities and professionalism. Please fill out a registration form and join us in this important community service activity.

To participate please forward a registration form to:

Mail : David Galletly, 540 Wemple Rd., Glenmont NY 12077

E-Mail: km2o@arrl.net (attach a scan of the form)

Or better yet, if you are getting this at a meeting, hand one in tonight!

Thanks and 73