



J62K Youth Adventure – 2027 Selection Announcement

The J62K Youth Adventure is proud to announce the selection of **Haley Pendell (KE2EVX)** and **Hope Lea (ND2L)** to participate in the 2027 CQ WPX SSB Contest from the internationally recognized J62K contest station in St. Lucia.

Interest in this year's program reached an all-time high, with a **record number of applications** received from talented young amateur radio operators. The depth and quality of the applicant pool made the selection process the most competitive since the initiative was established.

Applicants were evaluated through a merit-based review that considered amateur radio experience, operating achievements, personal essays, commitment to contesting, and leadership potential. Following a comprehensive evaluation by the J62K Youth Selection Committee, Haley and Hope were selected to represent the 2027 program.

The J62K Youth Adventure continues to grow through the generosity of amateur radio clubs, organizations, individual donors, mentors, and volunteers who share a commitment to developing the next generation of testers. Their support helps ensure that participation is based on merit rather than financial circumstance.

About the J62K Youth Adventure

Established to inspire and develop the next generation of testers, the J62K Youth Adventure provides promising young amateur radio operators with the opportunity to participate in world-class DX contesting while receiving one-on-one mentoring from experienced international operators. Through immersive, hands-on participation, the program develops advanced operating skills, promotes excellence in contesting, and fosters lifelong engagement in amateur radio.

To learn more about the J62K Youth Adventure, including its mission, program objectives, past participants, supporters, and the J62K contest station, visit **J62K.com** at <https://j62k.com/>.

Past Youth Participants

- **2026:** Kylee Shirbroun (K0KYL) and Seth Jones (NU1D)
- **2025:** Violetta Latham (KN2P) and Leon Hellmich (DL3ON)
- **2024:** Grace Papay (K8LG)

2027 J62K Youth Adventure Selection Committee: K9HZ, J69DS, NY3B, W0CN, and WA4PGM.