

# JOTA-JOTI

## Participant's Guide



# No Travel Jamboree

## Largest Scouting Event in the World

Want to attend a Scout Jamboree without travel? Want to attend every year instead of waiting four years?

How about attending the annual Jamboree-on-the Air – Jamboree on-the-Internet?

JOTA-JOTI is active every year, the third weekend of October, and involves over 150 countries and typically one million Scouts. It uses modern communication technology to offer Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home.

Jamboree-On-The-Air and Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTA-JOTI) is an official international event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). JOTA-JOTI is a youth programme event intended for young people in Scouting of all ages.

The purpose of JOTA-JOTI is to enable and encourage Scouts around the world to communicate with one another by means of amateur radio and the internet, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement.



## What do I do during JOTA-JOTI?

The most fun can come from conversations with other Scouts across town or around the world. You'll share stories about your Scouting experiences and about your weather, your Scout group, your community and your culture.

There are also a number of activities and challenges that you can engage in during JOTA-JOTI weekend. Here's just a few:

- **JamPuz** – short for Jamboree Puzzle, it involves exchanging codes between locations. <http://jotajoti.info/jampuz/>
- **JOTA-JOTI Activities and Challenges** – There are many activities and challenges posted on the website. Use them as you see fit for your Scout group. <http://jotajoti.info/activities/>
- **Minecraft via ScoutLink** – This is an online game between competing Scouts. <https://www.scoutlink.net/minecraft/about/>
- **John Bont** – This is a supreme challenge that involves communicating via amateur radio. <http://jotajoti.info/john-bont/>

Plus, stay tuned for new adventures and games that are posted each year.





## How do I get involved?

The absolute best way to get involved as a Scout is to find a local JOTA-JOTI location and engage with their activities by showing up. There are a few ways to find your local JOTA-JOTI location.

First contact your local Scout unit or group and see if they are going to activate a location for JOTA-JOTI. If that doesn't work, see if another local unit or group will be active. Finally, during the month of September or early October check the JOTA-JOTI registration listing to see if there is a location near you.

If none of those options work, you can also get active as a single Scout, through [ScoutLink](#), or by working with a local amateur radio operator.



## What is Amateur Radio?

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is the amateur radio element of JOTA-JOTI, with Scouts all over the world speaking to each other by means of amateur radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves.

Amateur radio involves antennas, transmitters, and receivers, sometimes at a permanent location and other times set up at a camp in a temporary installation. Amateur radio operators are licensed by their country's telecommunication authority to operate within strict guidelines.

They operate the JOTA-JOTI station following their local regulations as well as the guidelines and frequencies posted at JOTA Rules.

Typically over 20,000 amateur radio operators are helping with local JOTA-JOTI stations. Plus, many amateur radio operators are also on the air engaging with Scout stations and sharing their own Scout stories. There may be one or more local amateur radio operators who could help you get on the air during JOTA-JOTI weekend.

You can also listen in to the conversations using Web-based receivers located around the world. These receivers can be tuned to the JOTA-JOTI frequencies that can be found at JOTA Rules. <http://jotajoti.info/jota-rules/>



## What is Online Chat?

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) is the Internet element of JOTA-JOTI. With a computer, smart phone, or tablet, an Internet connection, web browser, email, and chat program you can connect with other Scouts.

Once on the Internet you can talk to other Scouts via Skype, social media including Facebook and Twitter, and using IRC Chat.

ScoutLink offers a superb way of engaging in chat with other Scouts. We've provided some instructions on how to connect along with some guidelines at ScoutLink Guidelines. <http://jotajoti.info/scoutlink/>

When you're online for JOTA-JOTI or other times as well, make sure you follow the Safe On-line guidelines and that you follow good netiquette.

It's fairly easy to participate to JOTA-JOTI via the internet. All you need is one or more computers and an internet connection. For software you will need at least:

- Web browser such as Firefox or Internet Explorer
- Email program
- Chat program (IRC client), to meet and chat with other people in real-time.

A slow internet connection, for example dialing into the internet via an analogue telephone line, is sufficient for IRC chat and playing JamPuz, too.



## Tips and Tricks

Your mobile phone operator could have internet coverage at your Scout location. A smart phone can be used to share this internet connection.

If you have a free "Line of Sight" to a house with Wi-Fi, you can use a cheap home built "cantenna" or "wokfi" antenna to get internet connection at your Scout location. Several kilometres distance can be bridged in this way. Google for more information on this topic.

There are many other items that you could use to enhance your JOTA-JOTI experience. Here are some ideas:

- Use a scanner to scan pictures and logos of your Scout group and the place where you live.
- Connect a microphone to your computer's sound card and talk with other people using a voice-capable chat program like TeamSpeak.
- Borrow a digital camera and take live snapshots of the participants.
- Use a webcam to post regular snapshots of your location on the web during JOTA-JOTI.



## **JOTI Radio and JOTI.TV**

Yet another fun activity during JOTA-JOTI weekend is JOTI Radio and JOTI.TV. They offer programming and games during JOTA-JOTI weekend. It's great fun to tune in and see what's going on with their contacts around the world.

## **The Most Important Part — Have Fun**

The important thing is to mark your calendar for JOTA-JOTI weekend, 20 to 22 October 2017. Then make sure you've made plans to get on the air and/or get on the Internet for the largest Scouting event in the world.





# **JOTA-JOTI Principles, Objectives, Programme, and Organization**

## **Basic Principles**

- JOTA-JOTI is a fun and exciting experience for young people in Scouting.
- JOTA-JOTI seeks to promote quality Scouting in a manner faithful to the purpose, principles and method of Scouting and consistent with the needs and aspirations of young people in today's world.
- JOTA-JOTI strives for a meaningful engagement of as many young people from as many parts of the world as possible.
- JOTA-JOTI is an occasion to celebrate Scouting and to generate positive energy to support the development of the Scout Movement.

## **Educational Objectives**

- Promote Scouts' sense of belonging to the worldwide Scout Movement.
- Promote peace, cultural awareness, tolerance, sharing, collaboration and to encourage good deeds and active citizenship.
- Provide opportunities for the development of teamwork and leadership skills through patrol-based activities.
- Provide exciting opportunities for young people to explore technology and to develop technical skills.
- Promote innovation and creativity.

## Programme

- JOTA-JOTI shall offer programme appropriate to young people in Scouting of all ages (i.e. pre-Cubs and Cub Scouts up to and including Rover Scouts).
- The programme for JOTA-JOTI is developed by the WJJT and approved by the World Scout Committee.
- The JOTA-JOTI programme shall be a reflection of the Promise, Law, Principles and Method of Scouting, as defined by the WOSM Constitution, and shall also reflect the most up-to-date policies and initiatives of WOSM relating to youth programme.

## Organization

At the world level, JOTA-JOTI is coordinated by the World JOTA-JOTI Team (WJJT), led by a World JOTA-JOTI Coordinator (WJJC). The WJJT reports to the World Scout Committee and is supported by the World Scout Bureau.

Each National Scout Organization (NSO) has been asked to nominate a National JOTA-JOTI Coordinator (NJC). NJCs serve as the main point of contact between the WJJT and NSOs. They are responsible, under the supervision of their respective NSO leadership, for coordinating all JOTA-JOTI activities within an NSO and for promoting participation in the events.

More info available at [www.world-jotajoti.info](http://www.world-jotajoti.info)