

55th JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

FOR RADIO AMATEURS



The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree introduces Scouts to amateur radio and can spark an interest that lasts a lifetime. Many JOTA events also teach Scouting's Radio merit badge and often prepare Scouts for the Technician license exam. It's a great way to get more youth interested in amateur radio while demonstrating the fun of amateur radio as well as the service aspects via emergency communication. The scope of your JOTA activities is limited only by your imagination.

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Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers. All modes of communication can be used. Scouts are particularly intrigued by digital modes, but Scouts using SSB is the standard mode of operation. Stations will be operating in most communities in America and nearly every nation around the world. It is the largest annual event for world Scouting. The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2011 JOTA had nearly 750,000 Scout participants from more than 6,000 amateur radio stations!

When Is It?

The 55th Jamboree-on-the-Air is October 20–21, 2012. The official hours are from Saturday at 00:00 hours local time to Sunday 24:00. So you've got the whole weekend to get Scouts involved in making JOTA contacts.

How Can I Participate?

Contact your local Scout council and see what may already be planned in your area and how you can help. You can find your council at <http://scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx>.

If nothing is currently planned, or if current plans aren't reaching your area, you can work with the council or a local unit (pack, troop, crew) to set up a JOTA station or arrange for visits to your ham shack. You can also participate just by making QSOs with the many JOTA stations that will be on the air.

Where Can I Find More Information?

There are substantial JOTA resources available online.

Go to www.scouting.org/jota, or scan this QR code with your smartphone, for the information provided by the Boy Scouts of America.



Information is also available from the American Radio Relay League at www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota.

Download a free QR reader for your smartphone at scan.mobi.



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