

57th 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 2012 JOTA had nearly 700,000 Scout participants from more than 13,500 amateur radio stations!

When Is It?

Jamboree-on-the-Air is held the third weekend in October. There are no official hours, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts. The "JOTA Jump Start" on Friday evening is an excellent time to get started.

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 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 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 arrrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota.



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