

# Jamboree-on-the-Internet

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## WHAT IS JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET?

Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. This event utilizes computers and the Internet. Thousands of Scout groups can be contacted during the weekend.

In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols can meet and, under the supervision of leadership, make many new friends. Councils and districts can host a JOTI event at Scout shows or other events where computers can be connected to the Internet.

## WHY JOTI

It is an economical way of communicating around the world.

It has worldwide accessibility and availability.

It allows Scouts to share more than just a "Hi." They can share more meaningful information.

It is educational.

The exchanges can include information such as:

- Alias name
- Location of event
- Scout rank
- Hobbies
- Age

Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships and exchange of badges, pins, and patches.

The communication method is by computer but can involve the following methods used during JOTI:

- E-mail messages
- Scout chat rooms
- Audio and video



## WHAT IS NEEDED

All that is needed is one or more computers, a modem, and a phone line. As for software, you will need at least:

- A Web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer
- An e-mail program or built-in e-mail feature of the Web browser
- A chat program (IRC client) to meet and chat with others in real time

There are many other things you could use to enhance your JOTI experience; here are some ideas:

- Scanner to scan pictures
- Microphone to connect to a sound card to talk using a voice-capable chat program such as VIRC or JOTI eGroups chat area
- Help from a local amateur radio club
- Digital cameras to take live snapshots to share
- Webcam to post snapshots during JOTI

## WHO

JOTI welcomes participation by all youth and organizations that support Scouting:

- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts
- Venturers
- Chartered organizations
- Supporters of Scouting
- Anyone interested in doing a Good Turn for Scouting

## WHEN

JOTI will always occur the same weekend as Jamboree-on-the-Air, which is the third full weekend in October.

JOTI will begin on Saturday, October 18, 2008, at 0001 hours local time, and end on Sunday, October 19, 2008, at 2359 hours local time.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of organizing JOTI is:

- To overlap the program objectives and technology of the annual JOTA and JOTI where possible.
- To bring together as many people as possible at a specific time with the objective of sharing Scouting.

Individuals can participate, but the emphasis of JOTI is for groups/troops/patrols to participate in JOTI at Scouting events. Of course, JOTI is great for the Lone Scout and his counselor.

JOTI activities should offer opportunities for Scouts who:

- Do not have computers
- Do not have access to the Internet
- Are disabled

Participation in JOTI does not have to be for the entire weekend.

JOTI gives Scouts who have knowledge of Internet operations a chance to share with others, using the fundamental Scouting principle of learning by doing.

## RULES

Be courteous and acknowledge messages received.

If you promise to send information or exchange badges, then keep your word.

Think before you write or talk. Do not use language that could offend others.

The most important rule to follow is to not give your address, telephone number, or any other personal information on the Internet.

## WHERE TO START

Start by going to the JOTI Web site: [www.joti.org](http://www.joti.org). This site has all the information needed to start using JOTI, including the software you need to participate fully. This site is where you can get help setting up JOTI and where you can sign in using the guest book. This site is the meeting place for all participants. The rules are also listed.

## HOW TO START

Before JOTI begins, make sure you visit [www.joti.org](http://www.joti.org) and [www.scoutlink.net](http://www.scoutlink.net). These sites can help you get ready for the JOTI weekend. After getting all the software ready and working, recheck these sites and register yourself as a participant right before the JOTI weekend. You can get a temporary e-mail address that will protect you from unwanted material after JOTI.

## GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW

Make the exchange information simple and related to Scouting, school, and hobbies.

Brief reports are requested. Download the sample report format. This report should include unit number and local council name and number.

Methods to be used during the JOTI experience are e-mail, chat rooms, video, or audio.

Be sure to gather the following information:

- Number of participants
- Interesting incidents and exchanges, etc.
- Scout alias names used
- Photos with captions (small groups—Scouts in uniform)

Send suggestions, ideas, and information to the JOTI coordinator.

## JOTI CARDS

The JOTI cards are free and available to anyone participating. The card is a good place to record some of the contacts made during JOTI, and it is a certificate of participation. They may be ordered beforehand for presentation during JOTI or they may be awarded later at Scout meetings. Send requests specifying the number of cards needed to Boy Scouts of America, Jamboree-on-the-Internet Cards, S221, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

## POCKET PATCHES

Temporary insignia to wear on the right pocket of the Scout uniform or on jackets/vests will be available after August 1 for \$4 each (total). This insignia, like the certificate cards, will be available in **LIMITED QUANTITY** only and will not be reordered when supplies are exhausted. **ORDER EARLY.** Allow **FOUR** weeks for delivery on all orders. Checks or money orders will be accepted and must be made payable to the Boy Scouts of America. Credit cards are also accepted. We cannot accept cash for payment. **Orders for patches are to be sent to the same address as for the cards.**

For more information, please contact the International Division at the national office at 972-580-2401, or e-mail [intnldiv@netbsa.org](mailto:intnldiv@netbsa.org).

## JOTI REPORT

Please send a report on your JOTI activities. Your combined information will be forwarded to the World Scout Bureau and will be used to improve the overall event. Include anything that was funny, interesting, or learned, along with your ideas or suggestions to help improve the event. If you include pictures, put them on a disk using JPG format so they can be forwarded with the report. Make sure you have the full names of all those in the picture. Scouts in uniform would be really great. Please provide anything that would be of interest to others.

An example of a story: "The snow was two feet deep but we drank hot chocolate and talked to Scouts from New Zealand. They had just gotten back from swimming."

