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## 2017 JOTA and JOTI

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) are coming up soon. Did you already add JOTA and JOTI to your unit, district, and/or council calendars? If not, don't forget to mark October 20–22 as JOTA and JOTI weekend!

Other than an opportunity to meet Scouts from around the world, complete Cub Scouting requirements, and fulfill part of the requirements for the International Spirit Award, JOTA and JOTI are another great way to integrate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) in your unit! JOTA introduces Scouts to the fun, technology, and magic of amateur radio. Be sure to prepare your Scouts for safe internet use by incorporating the BSA's [Cyber Chip](#) training tool before they participate in JOTI.

Does your unit or council want to participate in JOTA, but you are not in possession of an amateur radio station? Icom America and the Boy Scouts of America have a sponsorship

agreement that began in 2012 and extends through 2018. One aspect of that agreement is that Icom America will provide up to 10 complete amateur radio stations for use by local Scout councils. Stations can be requested for long-term development loan stations and for event loan stations. You can find the details, application, and loan agreement [here](#).

Be sure to visit JOTA's webpage, [www.scouting.org/jota](http://www.scouting.org/jota), and JOTI's webpage, [www.scouting.org/joti](http://www.scouting.org/joti), for information on how to participate, download participation certificates, order this year's patches, and much more. We hope you have lots of fun and success during these exciting events!



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