



Scouting on the Summit

This year marks the 18th National Scout Jamboree and the 60th Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet.

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Since 1937, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has held 17 National Scout Jamboree events. This year's will be a mountaintop experience, both figuratively and literally. The Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) in West Virginia, which also hosted the last National Scout Jamboree in 2013, is a world-class high-adventure facility with a focus on outdoor action — perfect for a scouting event. The Summit Center is open to visitors July 21 – 27 and offers many activities including mountain biking, skateboarding, shooting sports, ziplines, rock climbing, bouldering, kayaking, and white water rafting. The full Jamboree runs from July 19 – 28, with Scout staff volunteers showing up much earlier and staying later.

K2BSA at the Jamboree

K2BSA has been in operation at the Jamboree since 1977. Over that time, it has provided Amateur Radio demonstrations to thousands of Scouts, provided training that helped Scouts earn hundreds of Radio Merit Badges and, along the way, introduced the fun, technology, and magic of Amateur Radio.

The 2017 Jamboree operation will use transceivers and repeaters provided by Icom America, antennas and cables provided by DX Engineering, and headphones and rotators provided by MFJ Enterprises. Thank you to our sponsors.

You Can Work K2BSA

We'll be providing demonstrations for nearly 3,000 Scouts, and training on the Radio Merit Badge for more than

300. To accomplish all that, we need stations on the other end of the contact.

Monitor our website, www.k2bsa.net, Facebook ([K2BSA.Scouting](https://www.facebook.com/K2BSA.Scouting)), and Twitter ([K2BSA_Scouting](https://twitter.com/K2BSA_Scouting)). We'll post frequencies on a regular basis and provide photos and videos throughout the Jamboree.

Worldwide Experience — Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet

Scouts coming together under the banner of the Jamboree isn't limited to once every 4 years. There's also an annual event, which began in 1957 as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), connecting Scouts via Amateur Radio. Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) was added in 1995.

JOTA-JOTI happens the third weekend in October, the 20th to 22nd in 2017, and involves over 1 million Scouts across more than 150 countries at over 30,000 locations. Its goal is to foster Scout-to-Scout conversations across towns and around the world, allowing them to discover geographical and cultural differences and similarities. It also helps them recognize that they are part of a worldwide Scout movement. Plus, along the way they are exposed to the technology that makes it all happen.

In the US, interest in JOTA-JOTI increased based on a new JOTA-JOTI

participation requirement for the Webelos Arrow of Light Award, as well as a requirement for the International Spirit Award. JOTA-JOTI also offers exposure to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) through its use of Amateur Radio and internet communication channels.

Get Involved in JOTA-JOTI

Check out what your local Scout council is doing for JOTA-JOTI this fall. You can find contact information for your Scout council at www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx. Just enter your zip code.

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, or crew) to set up a JOTA station or arrange for visits to your ham shack. You can also participate just by making contacts with the many JOTA stations that will be on the air.

You can find a great deal of supporting information on the K2BSA website, including planning calendars, talking

points for working with local Scout councils, and much more.

Tune in to K2BSA at the National Scout Jamboree and get involved with JOTA-JOTI in your local Scouting organization.



K9RSR is the official station of the Boy Scout Rainbow Council located in Morris, Illinois. During the 2016 JOTA, 55 Cub Scouts, two Girl Scouts, and five Boy Scouts were on the air, making 90 contacts, all in North America.