

# JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

FOR BSA SCOUTS AND LEADERS



## What Is Jamboree-on-the-Internet?

Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual international Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Each year, during the third weekend in October, Scouts from around the world gather online to learn about other cultures and the activities in which other Scouts participate. They communicate with each other using Internet-enabled devices such as computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. Each year, JOTI has nearly 16,000 Scouts and leaders from over 145 countries registered in the worldwide JOTA-JOTI database!

## Who Can Participate?

Scouts of any age can take part, from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA and Venturers. Scouts can participate at home with the help of an adult, or they can participate in a Scout group at a council event. JOTI is an economical way to participate in an international jamboree. The event allows Scouts to “meet” other Scouts from around the world through the Internet and share more information than just “Hi.” The exchanges can include such information as name, location of event, Scout rank, age, and hobbies. Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships. JOTI participation fulfills requirements for Tiger and Arrow of Light adventures, the Citizenship in the World merit badge, and the International Spirit Award.

## When Is It?

Jamboree-on-the-Internet is held during the third weekend in October every year. JOTI starts Friday and ends Sunday, but there are no official hours of operation, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts.

## How Can I Participate?

Go to [scouting.org/joti](https://scouting.org/joti), or scan this QR code with your smartphone, for information on how to participate, what is needed, and what website to visit during the JOTI weekend.



## How can I prepare for JOTI?

- Read BSA CyberChip Guidelines for Scouts using the internet
- Register your group for JOTI here: <https://jotajoti.info/>
- Read JOTI FAQ and Rules
- Explore normal IRC “texting” on ScoutLink using webchat



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