



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## INTERNATIONAL

## Participation in JOTA-JOTI

Program Link:

<https://www.jotajoti.info>

JOTA-JOTI stands for “Jamboree on the Air – Jamboree on the Internet”. This annual, weekend-long event is the largest digital and radio Scout event promoting friendship and global citizenship. There is no cost to participate, and it is a fun and safe way for Scouts to connect around the world. Literally millions of Scouts have participated in JOTA-JOTI. It is traditionally held the third weekend of October every year. It is hosted by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, and is its largest program in terms of participation.

### Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

JOTA connects Scouts via short-wave radio. Many Councils have short-wave radio enthusiasts who are willing to donate their time and share their equipment with Scout groups who talk to Scouts in other countries using short wave radio. This is a great way to learn about the medium and communication technology basics. Contact your Council International Representative or office to find out whom to contact for JOTA support. You can learn more about BSA’s JOTA efforts at <https://k2bsa.net/jota/>

### Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)

JOTI connects Scouts via the internet. In recent years, WOSM has sponsored hundreds of online events for Scouts and Scouters to participate in during JOTI. All you need to have is a computer, tablet, or phone, and internet service to participate. The user interface is a “virtual campground” that Scouts can easily navigate, leading to games, workshops and opportunities to chat with other Scouts.

Many units will gather together for JOTA-JOTI, with Scouts bringing their own devices and leaders providing devices for those who don’t have access. Adult leaders can provide technical assistance and oversight while Scouts interact online. The BSA Scout Shop has JOTA-JOTI patches available to purchase for anyone who participates.

JOTI participation fulfills requirements for Tiger and Arrow of Light adventures, the Citizenship in the World merit badge, and the International Spirit Award.

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 at a unit or council level.

Unit leaders are encouraged to read the BSA CyberChip Guidelines for Scouts using the internet as well as the JOTI FAQ and Rules on JotaJoti.info before the event.

Scouts and leaders are encouraged to register on the website before the event:

<https://www.jotajoti.info>