



JAMBOREE ON THE AIR RADIO SCOUTING

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What is Radio Scouting?
Who is Involved?
What Have Been the Results?
How Can You Get Involved?

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What is Radio Scouting?

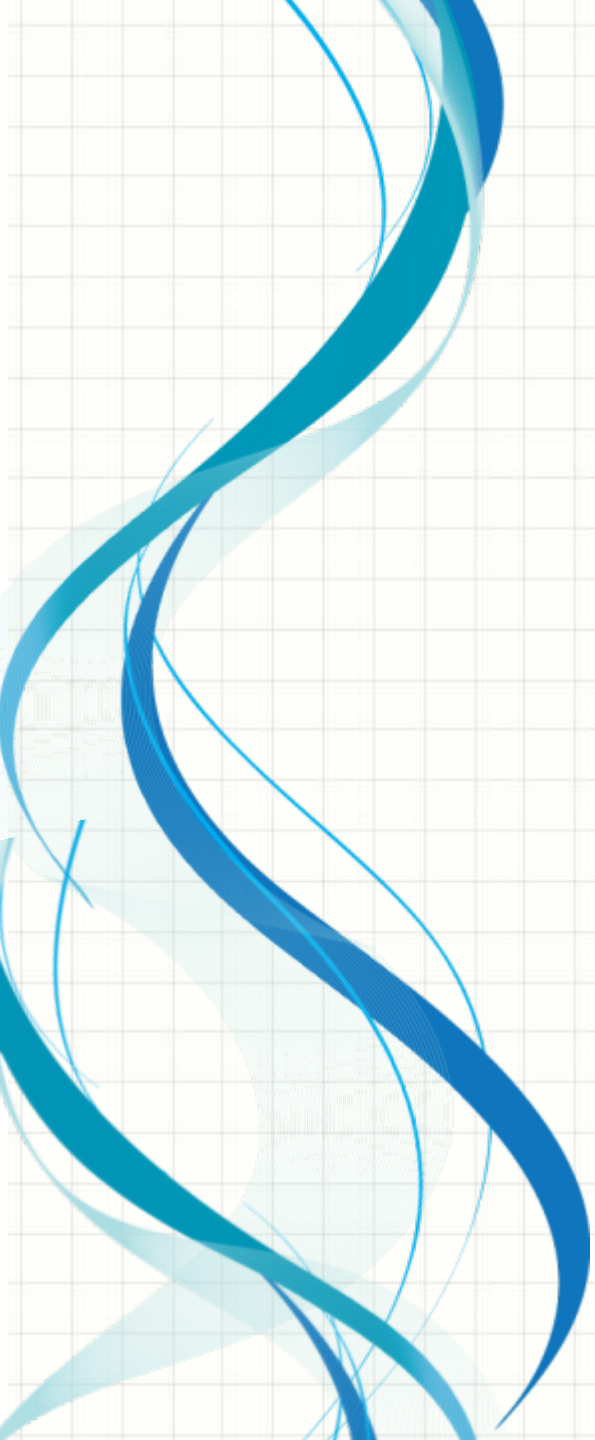
Boy Scouts of America Radio Scouting

1 Jamboree on the Air – Introduction for Scouts

2 Scouting Advancement – Radio Merit Badge

3 Licensing and Morse Code – Uniform Badges

**4 Leader Recognition –
ARRL Service to Scouting Award**



Who is
Involved?



Scouts

Who Else?

- World Organization of the Scout Movement
 - Started in 1957
 - Owns and Operates the World-Wide Event
 - Boy Scouts Primarily — Girl Scouts Invited
- Boy Scouts of America
 - Responsible for National Operation
 - BSA International Department
 - Local Council International Representative

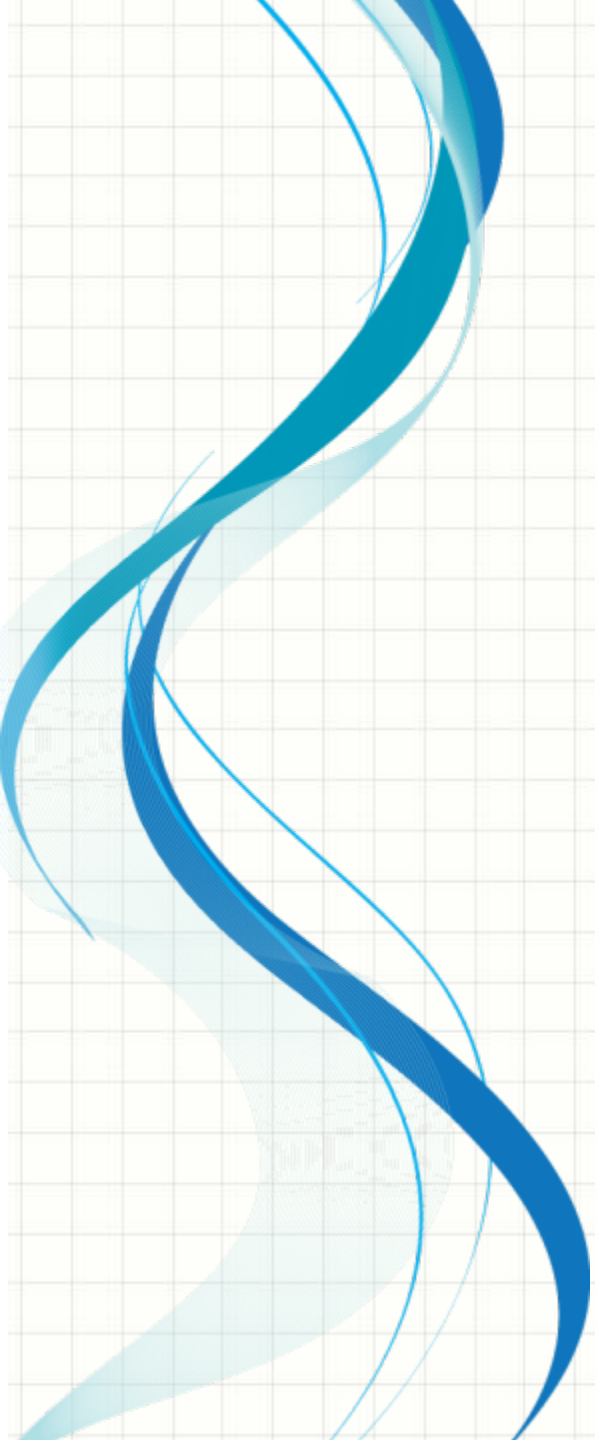
Supporters

- ARRL
 - Promotes Event
 - Encourages Clubs and Members
 - Education, Youth, Public Relations
- K2BSA Amateur Radio Association
 - Communication Program
 - Resource Clearing House
 - Jamboree Operation
- Local Amateur Radio Clubs
- World JOTA-JOTI Trusted Partners

Sponsors

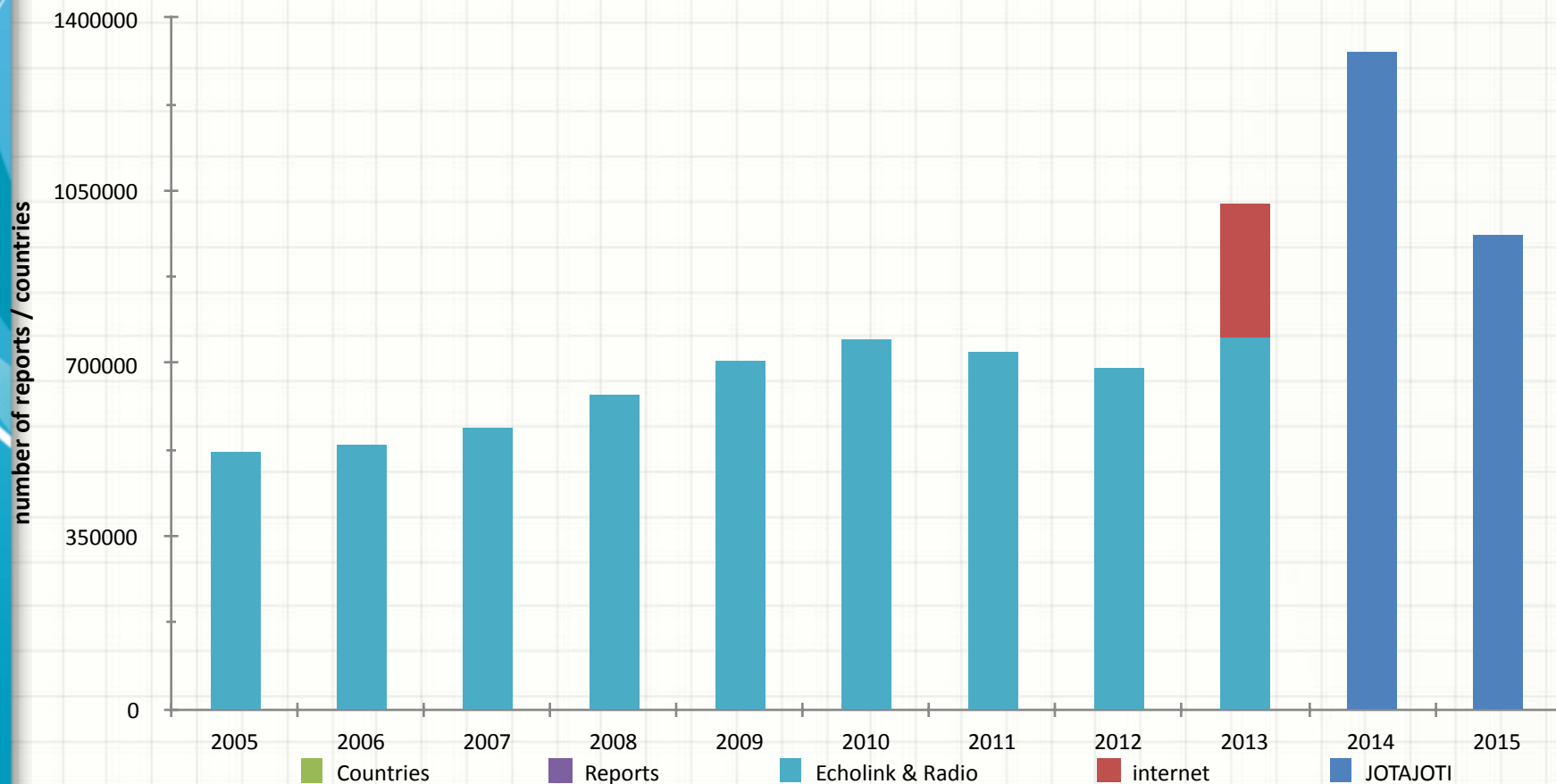


- Icom America
 - Jamboree on the Air Promotion
 - Local Council Loan Station Program
 - Now being updated from IC-7200 to IC-7300
 - Official Transceiver Supplier for the National Scout Jamboree (2013 and 2017)
 - Installed 3 Repeaters at the Summit
 - Provided Transceivers for 2015 NOAC and for 2016 Philmont Scout Ranch activation
- Additional Jamboree Sponsorship Soon



What Have
Been the
Results?

World Scouting JOTA-JOTI





Active in Malaysia and around the World

World Scouting JOTA-JOTI 2015

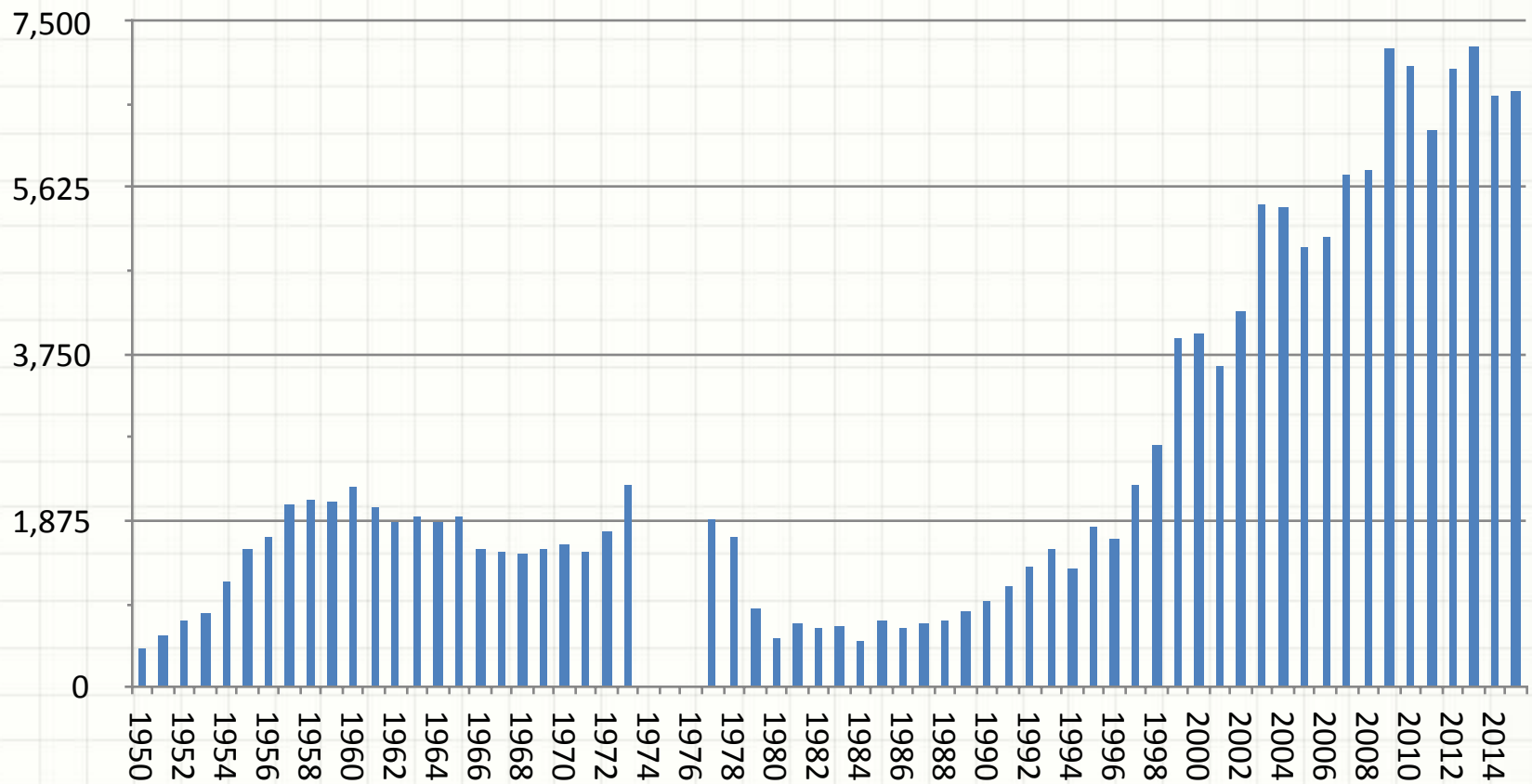
- Nearly 1 million Scouts and Guides
- 151 Active Countries
- 17,776 Stations
- Registration System Operational but crashed on Saturday
- Testing new registration now and it will be active in August/September 2016



USA JOTA 2015 Results

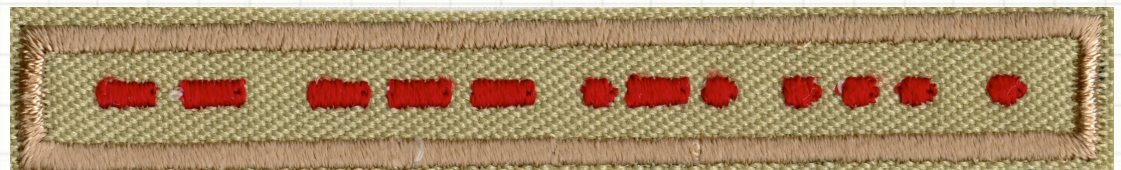
- 7,117 Scouts, down 8% from 2014
 - 208 stations filed their reports
 - 106 countries worked on the weekend
 - 346 stations registered but only 60% filed an after action report
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- Increased contest interference from state QSO Parties: Iowa, Illinois, South Dakota, New York

Radio Merit Badge



More Numbers and Actions

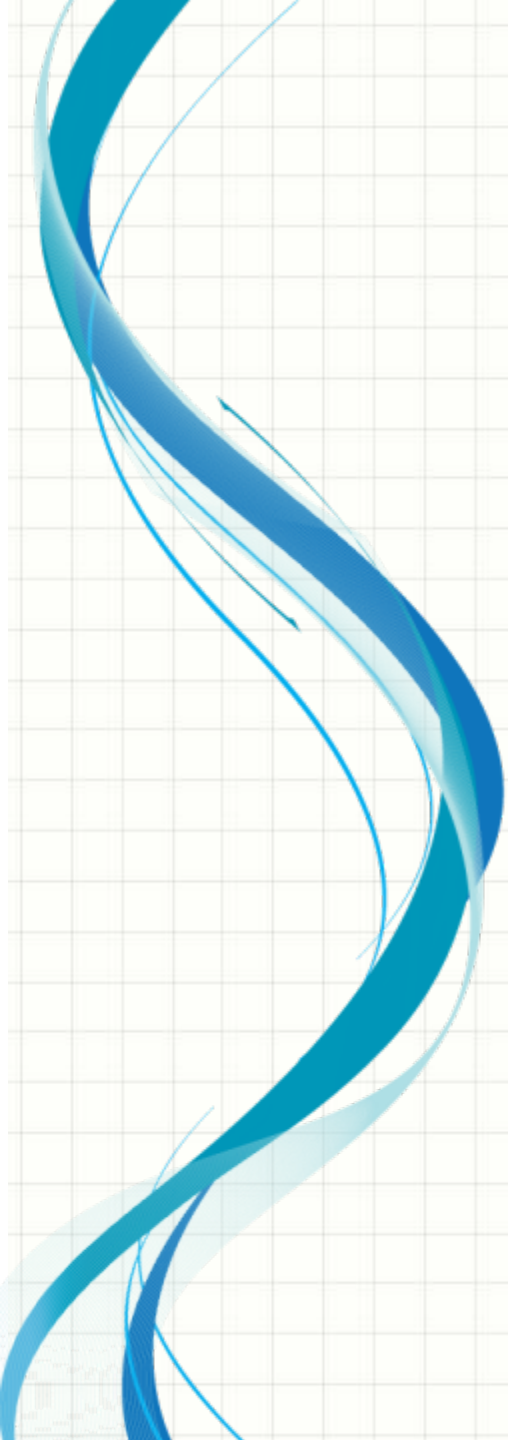
- Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip = 1,826
- Morse Code Interpreter Strip = 319
- ARRL Service to Scouting Award = 49 total
- Radio Merit Badge Revision Underway



K2BSA ARA Actions / Results

- Membership Growth = 165 members now
- Up from 8 in January 2015
- New Materials and Support
- Email List = ~ 1,800
- 2016 Dayton Hamvention® Booth
- 2017 Jamboree Staff Recruiting 38.5 of 40





How Can You
Get
Involved?

Jamboree on the Air



- Get on the air
- Work with Scout Units to set up a station
- Webelos Arrow of Light /Int'l Spirit Award
- Work to align camporees with JOTA weekend
- Keep Scout Frequencies Clear during the weekend
- Encourage State QSO parties to adopt Contest Free Frequencies

Other Opportunities

- Radio Merit Badge Counselor
- Start a Council Radio Scouting Committee
- Actively Support Council S-T-E-M Initiatives
- Work with local units (packs, troops, crews)
- Get your nose in the tent



Apply Ham Radio to All Your Scouting Activities

- Don Kunst, W3LNE has written on this topic
- <http://www.k2bsa.net/apply-ham-radio-to-all-scouting-activities/>
- Hiking, Camping, Communicating
- He identifies 14 related merit badges
- **“Cell Phones Down, Radios Up”**

Summary

- Find Out What's Already Happening Locally
- Get Your Club Involved
- Engage Your Local Scout Unit and Council
- Get on the Air for JOTA
- Join the K2BSA Amateur Radio Association

Further Information

- www.K2BSA.net
- www.JOTAJOTI.info
- www.Scouting.org/JOTA
- www.ARRL.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota
- www.ARRL.org/amateur-radio-and-scouting
- Girl Scout Thinking Day on the Air at www.guides-on-the-air.co.uk
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**Questions &
Answers**

Discussion