



What is Jamboree on the Air?

- * World-Wide Annual Event --- Third Weekend in October
- * Largest Scouting Event in the World
- * 700,000 Scouts, 13,500 stations in 142 countries
- * Introduce Scouts to the fun and technology of amateur radio and gain perspective on other countries, other Scouting programs --- by talking to other Scouts.

It can be a home station



Or Outdoors



What are the Benefits?

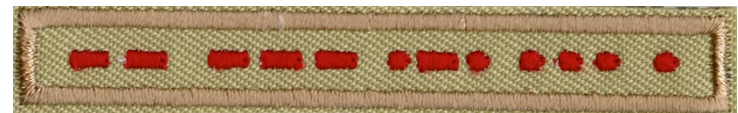
- * Scouts engage in conversations with other Scouts across the country and around the world.
- * They get a glimpse of other cultures and regional differences.
- * Gets them started on Citizenship in the World Merit Badge (requirement 9b, take part in international event)
- * Scouts get exposed to the technology, fun and magic of amateur radio.

What is Amateur Radio?

- * Amateur radio, also ham radio, is both a hobby and a service using radio communications equipment to communicate with other amateur operators for public services, recreation, and self-training.
- * It covers many aspects of radio communication from long distance communication, to satellite communication, and communication support to local events and emergencies.

What is Radio Scouting?

- * Radio Scouting covers all aspects of amateur radio within the Scouting Movement.
- * Radio Merit Badge
- * Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip
- * Morse Code Interpreter Strip
- * Jamboree on the Air
- * K2BSA Jamboree Operations



What do Scouts Say?

* Link to video at <http://vimeo.com/63707247>

How do I organize a JOTA event?

- * Line up a district or council camporee with JOTA weekend --- October 19/20, 2013
- * Reach out to local ham radio operators to set up a station during your camporee as one of the many activities available to Cub & Boy Scouts and Venturers.
- * Publicize the availability of the JOTA station
- * Provide needed support and access to the operators

What Resources are Available?

- * The go-to website is <http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>
- * Leader guidelines, operator guidelines, planning and calendars, program ideas, success stories, activity books, participation certificates, graphics.
- * Station registration and lists of all stations participating.

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Jamboree-on-the-Air Introduction

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee, or perhaps they already have a ham shack at your council's camp. There are many ways to get your Scouts involved in JOTA.

Tell Me More

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others. The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak),



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Questions & Support

- * The national JOTA organizer can help locate local amateur radio operators and clubs that can help with your event. He's also available for other questions you may have.
- * Jim Wilson, K5ND
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