



What is Radio Scouting?

And what does it mean to me?

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- O Jamboree on the Air
- Radio Merit Badge, Arrow of Light Award
- O Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip
- Morse Code Interpreter Strip
- National Scout Jamboree Operation
- O More...

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ARRL Service to Scouting Award

International Spirit Award

What is Jamboree on the Air?

World-Wide Annual Event --- Third Weekend in October
 Started 1958

Largest Scouting Event in the World

- *O* 29,000+ Radio Amateurs
- *O* 12,000+ Stations



- Scouts engage in conversations with other Scouts across the country and around the world.
- They get a glimpse of other cultures and regional differences.
- Scouts get exposed to the technology, fun and magic of amateur radio.
- Natural starting point for Radio Merit Badge.



Scouts Having Fun in Conversations Across the Country and Around the World

USA JOTA Results

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Stations	31	68	204	271	205	208
Growth		119%	200%	<i>33</i> %	-24%	+1%
Participants	454	3,185	18,537	13,866	13,326	12,255
Growth		602%	482%	<i>- 25%</i>	-4%	-8 %

How do I organize a JOTA event?

- Work with your local Scout Council, District, or Unit.
- See JOTA Talking points at http://k2bsa.net/talking-points/
- Line up with an existing Scouting event that happens on JOTA weekend — October 14-16, 2016
- O Go where the Scouts are as one more supporting activity for their event — camporee, etc.

- The go-to website is http://scouting.org/jota.aspx
- Leader guidelines, operator guidelines, planning and calendars, program ideas, success stories, activity books, participation certificates, graphics.
- Supporting website is http://k2bsa.net

HOAC Resources

- http://BSARoundtable.org
- NØISH Camp Naish Radio Station
- O WØHRB H. Roe Bartle Radio Station
- NSØBS North Star District Radio Station
- O HOAC Radio Scouting Committee



Get on the Air during JOTA Demonstrate Hospitality Hand out QSO's and Conversations Invite Scouts to our Hobby

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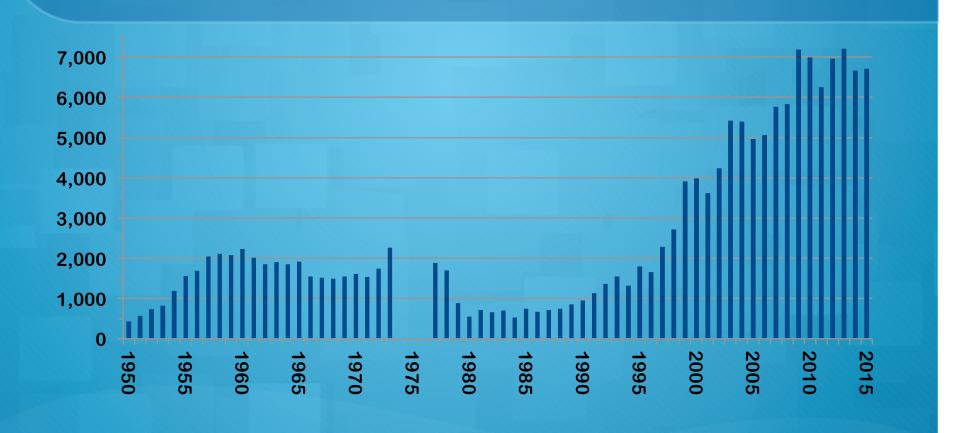
International Spirit Award

What is Radio Merit Badge?



- Introduced as Wireless Merit Badge 1918
- Introduction to Radio
- Broadcast, SWL, and Ham Radio Options
- Can be completed in a day-long workshop
- Jamboree used a four-hour time frame

Strong Interest & Growth



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Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip

- O Builds on Senior Scout Radioman Strip from 1940's
- All licensed youth and adult members can wear it
- Natural follow-on to Radio Merit Badge with Technician license training and uniform patch reward
- ⊘ Highly Popular --- 6,800+ sold in first year



Morse Code Interpreter Strip

- 5 wpm send and receive, requirements online at http://k2bsa.net/morse-code/
- Initially sold at 1,200 in first two years, now at 345 sold in past 12 months.



Amateur Radio Service to Scouting Award





International Spirt Award

- For youth and adult leaders. The award seeks to broaden knowledge of international Scouting and increase appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. The emblem is worn as a temporary patch.
- One requirement for this award at all levels, including Cub Scout, Boy Scout/Varsity/Venture, as well as Scouter, is to participate in Jamboree on the Air or Jamboree on the Internet.
- This is a great way to encourage participation in your Jamboree on the Air event.

Arrow of Light



- One of Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light required adventures is Building a Better World. A key requirement is to connect with a Scout in another country during an event such as Jamboree on the Air or Jamboree on the Internet or by other means.
- O This is a great way to encourage participation in your Jamboree on the Air event. You can find this information in the <u>Cub Scout Requirements Booklet</u> on page 30 at requirement 10d.

National Scout Jamboree

⊘ K2BSA Operation, July 2013

O Demonstration Station --- 2,600 Scouts

O Radio Merit Badge --- 339 Scouts

ARDF-Foxhunting --- 100+

Four High-Altitude Balloon Launches

Permanent Repeater Installation (3)



Jamboree Sponsors

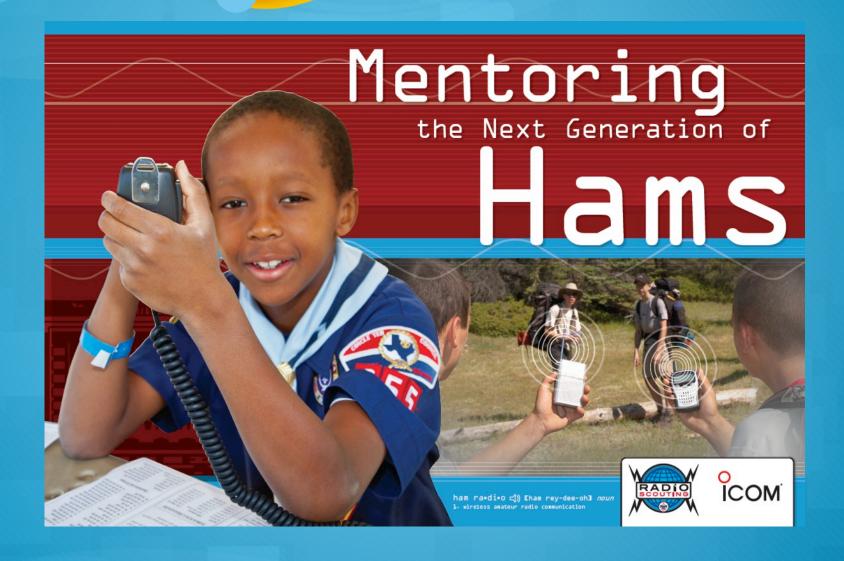
- Icom America --- transceivers, repeaters and so much more --- on site and great support
- SteppIR --- verticals and beam antennas
- O Array Solutions --- band pass filters
- O GigaParts --- headphones/microphones
- Thanks for such great support



World JOTA-JOTI

New World JOTA-JOTI Team in 2014 HQ Moved to Kuala Lumpur from Geneva Registration System and Supporting Website





- 10 Complete Stations for loan to Councils, entering fourth year of the program
- Promotion of Radio Scouting year round
- Official Jamboree Transceiver/Repeater Sponsor
- Installed 3 repeaters at The Summit in WV

For More Info

- K2BSA Website http://k2bsa.net
- K2BSA Facebook Page
 http://facebook.com/K2BSA.Scouting
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