What is Radio Scouting?
And what does it mean to me?
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What is Radio Scouting?

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

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Rank Advancement

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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
- 1.3 million Scouts
- 29,000+ Radio Amateurs
- 12,000+ Stations
- 150+ Countries
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.
- 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

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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
- Go where the Scouts are as one more supporting activity for their event — camporee, etc.
What Resources are Available?

- The go-to website is [http://scouting.org/jota.aspx](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](http://k2bsa.net)
HOAC Resources

- [http://BSARoundtable.org](http://BSARoundtable.org)
- NØISH – Camp Naish Radio Station
- WØHRB – H. Roe Bartle Radio Station
- NSØBS – North Star District Radio Station
- 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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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
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Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip

- 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

With grateful appreciation,
The American Radio Relay League, Inc. is pleased to recognize

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for your generous contribution of time, resources, and expertise assisting Scouts in the exploration of Amateur Radio through the Boy Scouts of America Radio Scouting program.

With this award, you are authorized to wear the Boy Scouts of America Community Organization Award Square Knot on your Scout uniform.
International Spirit 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.
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.

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National Scout Jamboree

- K2BSA Operation, July 2013
- Demonstration Station --- 2,600 Scouts
- Radio Merit Badge --- 339 Scouts
- ARDF-Foxhunting --- 100+
- ISS Contact, 10 Scouts
- 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
- Array Solutions --- band pass filters
- 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
What does it mean to me?
Mentoring the Next Generation of Hams
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](http://k2bsa.net)
- K2BSA Twitter [http://twitter.com/K2BSA_Scouting](http://twitter.com/K2BSA_Scouting)
- JOTA Pages [http://scouting.org/jota](http://scouting.org/jota)
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