# Jamboree on the Air **USA 2016**



# **PARTICIPATION vs 2015**

# +51%

6,668

10,761

## **TOTAL SCOUTS** For those reporting Cub Scouts vs.

Boy Scouts = 52% Cub Scouts + 48% Boy Scouts **TOTAL VISITORS** 

+30%

Combined total Scouts and Visitors

is at 17,429. The record is 18,537 in 2012.

267

**TOTAL STATIONS** 

+28%

The record is 271 in 2013

The number of amateur radio operators was up 14% to 1,120 but the number of radios reported in use dropped

participating improved by 24% to 151. **HIGHLIGHTS** 

25% to 631. Total contacts remained flat at 8,254. Station registrations dropped 15% to 295. Although Jamboree on the Internet registrations jumped to 505 from 100 the previous year. Total Scout Councils

## ScoutLink and Skype use was reported by roughly 40 JOTA stations. Several stations were limited by no Internet access. Many also reported using Echolink, DMR, and D-Star and

Many reported aligning STEM events in their council with JOTA-JOTI Weekend. This included a council-wide STEM-o-ree.

K2BSA/0 had a contact with the International Space Station during Jamboree on the Air.

requested more JOTA dedicated nodes and reflectors.

Several reported licensed Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts helped with their events and served as a model for other Scouts.

V55JOTA

A few worked

this station in

Namibia in

worked or heard this station at

**GB2GP** 

Many stations

Gilwell Park

**Africa** 

for many JOTA events

**ARDF-Foxhunting** 

This was a

popular activity

QUOTES

**N6CXR** 

### The youngest scout in the troop made the best

AI4BJ

When we told him where Slovenia was, he couldn't quite believe it! His father sent me an email later that evening that read, in part, "As soon as we got in the car to leave the shelter Daniel told me he wanted to get his license. I'm interested too, and I think Daniel talked my wife into it as well. Looks like we will W5PAA

to send an email using

smartphone of a scout.

HF radio to the

All fifty Boy Scouts

W2KGY

DX contact, S51DX.

### We've found that by The scouts were amazed when we utilized Winlink stretching our reach to

received their Radio Merit Badge with the assistance of two merit badge counselors and four West Point Cadets from the United States Military Academy.

years

out.

**KE5WMA** Setting up at a Scout event gave us better results than previous

three events each year -

October, another in June during Field Day, and

one during the annual

one around JOTA in

It was fun to talk with a

be careful of Komodo dragons when they camp

Senior Scout in Indonesia and find out they have to

## KK6FUT

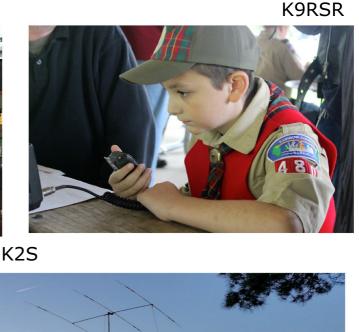
Camporee, usually in April – the overall result has been a lot more exposure of amateur radio to the scouting community at large. **PHOTOS** 

K6A

W3PL

N4USA





**SUGGESTIONS FOR 2017** 

### **KE4YVF K5AUW** We need slick pre-event PLEASE make the handouts to stimulate registration procedure as interest at district, easy as it was in past council, and unit years. meetings! WC8VOA K2S

### For HF it would be helpful to have email address or some kind of contact info in order to

WB6IVS

contacts. W<sub>5</sub>E Establish regional nets on one or more HF bands to facilitate connections between

I know the date can't

parties to pick a

different date. That

the air and in QSO.

make some pre jota

stations that have

Scouts on hand to communicate.

be changed but maybe K2BSA can get the QSO

would be a tremendous

help in getting kids on

# frequencies.

N4SJJ

Encourage operators to move up or down from standard scout

### JamPuz, maybe look at another game type to keep kids interested.

**KB3BSA** 

We made 42

contacts, and when I asked each one if they had a JOTA

ID(JID) they all said

didn't register. We

JamPuz sheets for the Scouts to play along but we couldn't do it. I'm not sure if it's

worth it to have the

no, a lot of them

had printed the

It would be nice if you had a site to go to where we could say "hey, I am on 40 meters at 7.235" to make it a little easier for stations with boys to find other stations with boys to talk to each other. **KBOBSA** 

get Scout units to plan JOTA into their activities calendar. ANNUAL NUMBERS UPDATE

We need to better publicize the event,

beginning at least 3

spread the word and

months out, to

1,825

6,709

Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strips

**304** 

www.k2bsa.net

www.scouting.org/jota

www.world-jotajoti.info

Morse Code Interpreter Strips sold in the past 12 months

Radio Merit Badges earned in 2015

sold in the past 12 months

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