



What is Radio Scouting?

And what does it mean to me?

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How many of you were involved in Scouting?

Poll Response

How many were directly influenced by Scouting to enter Amateur Radio?

Poll Response



LX2A — "I got involved through my uncle and Jamboree on the Air."

OE50HO — "I came into contact with ham radio through Boy Scouts."

LU1FAM — "Through Scouting's Jamboree on the Air that I first saw a radio."

N2NL — "I got interested in Amateur Radio through Scouting and my Elmer..."

- O Jamboree on the Air
- Radio Merit Badge
- Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip
- Morse Code Interpreter Strip
- O National Scout Jamboree Operation

Radio Scouting Path

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Jamboree on the Air



Radio Merit Badge



Special Recognition

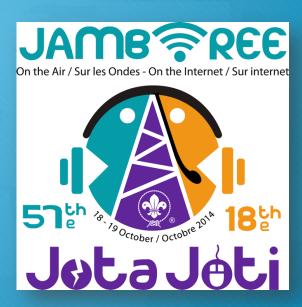
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What is Jamboree on the Air?

- World-Wide Annual Event --- Third Weekend in October
 Started 1958
- Largest Scouting Event in the World JAMB
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- *O* 12,000+ Stations



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



	2010	2011	2012	2013
Stations	31	68	204	271
Growth		119%	200%	33%
Scouts	454	3,185	18,537	13,866
Growth		602%	482%	- 25%

How do I organize a JOTA event?

- Work with your local Scout Council, District, or Unit.
- See JOTA Talking points at http://www.k2bsa.net/talking-points/
- Line up with an existing Scouting event that happens on JOTA weekend --- October 17-19, 2014
- O 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://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx
- Leader guidelines, operator guidelines, planning and calendars, program ideas, success stories, activity books, participation certificates, graphics.
- Supporting website is http://www.k2bsa.net





World JOTA-JOTI

New World JOTA-JOTI Team in 2014
HQ Move to Kuala Lumpur from Geneva
Registration System and Supporting Website
www.jotajoti.info



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

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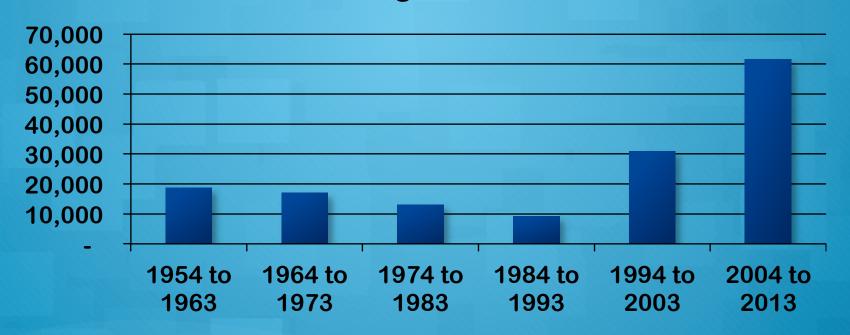
What is Radio Merit Badge?



- O Introduction to Radio
- Broadcast, SWL, and Ham Radio Options
- Can be completed in a day-long workshop
- O Jamboree used a four-hour time frame

Strong Interest & Growth

Radio Merit Badges Earned/Decade



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- 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://www.k2bsa.net/morse-code/
- Already the second largest selling interpreter strip at 1,200 in the past year



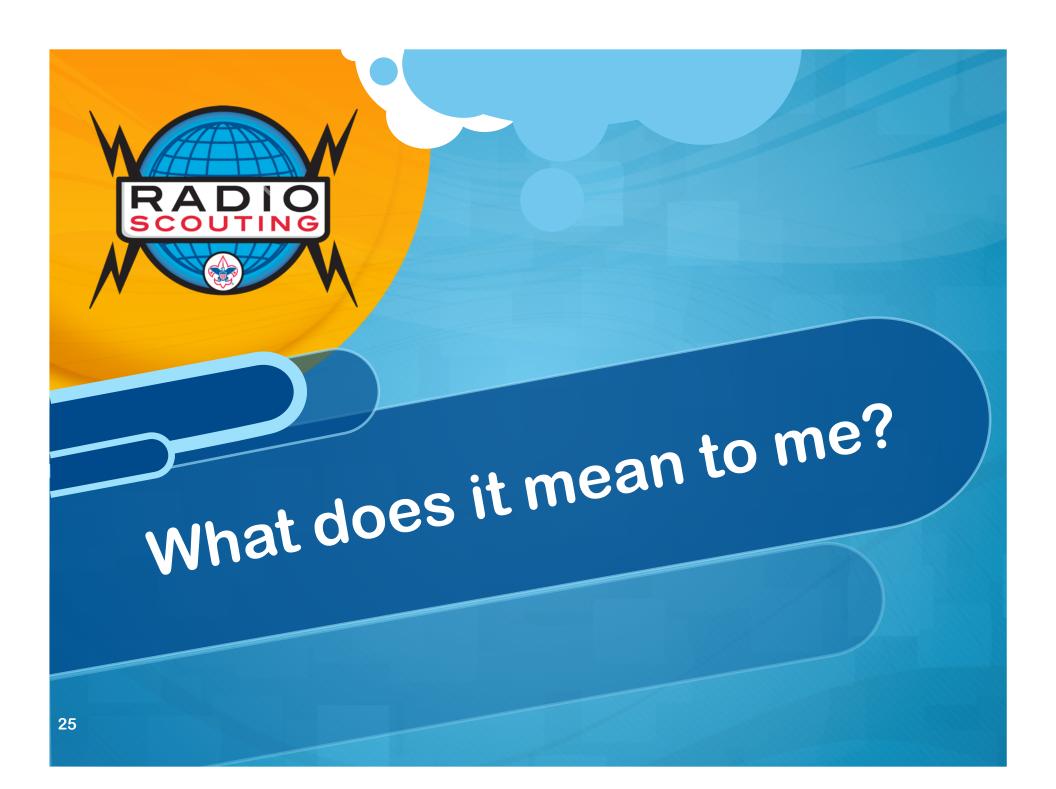
National Scout Jamboree

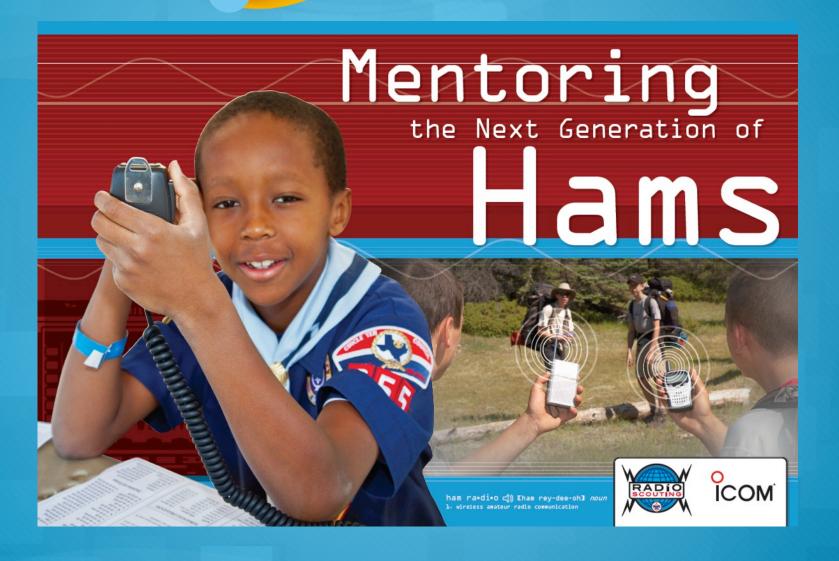
- ⊘ K2BSA Operation, July 2013
- ⊘ Demonstration Station 2,600 Scouts
- ⊘ Radio Merit Badge 339 Scouts
- ⊘ ARDF-Foxhunting 100+
- O ISS Contact, 10 Scouts
- O High-Altitude Balloon Launches
- Permanent Repeater Installation (3)



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
- O GigaParts headphones
- ARRL books, posters, banners, flag





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- 10 Complete Stations for loan to Councils, entering third year of the program
- Promotion of Radio Scouting year round
- Official Jamboree Transceiver/Repeater Sponsor
- Installed 3 repeaters at The Summit in WV
- ⊘ Ray Novak, N9JA, a true champion of Radio Scouting

ARRL Support

- Committee on Scouting led by Brian Mileshosky, N5ZGT
- ⊘ Kay Craigie, N3KN
- O Dave Sumner, K1ZZ

- BSA and ARRLMemorandum ofUnderstanding 2011
- O Debra Johnson, K1DMJ
- Ø Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R
- O QST Staff



Q&A

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For More Info

- ⊘ K2BSA Website www.K2BSA.net
- K2BSA Facebook Page K2BSA.Scouting
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