

Jamboree on the Air 2017



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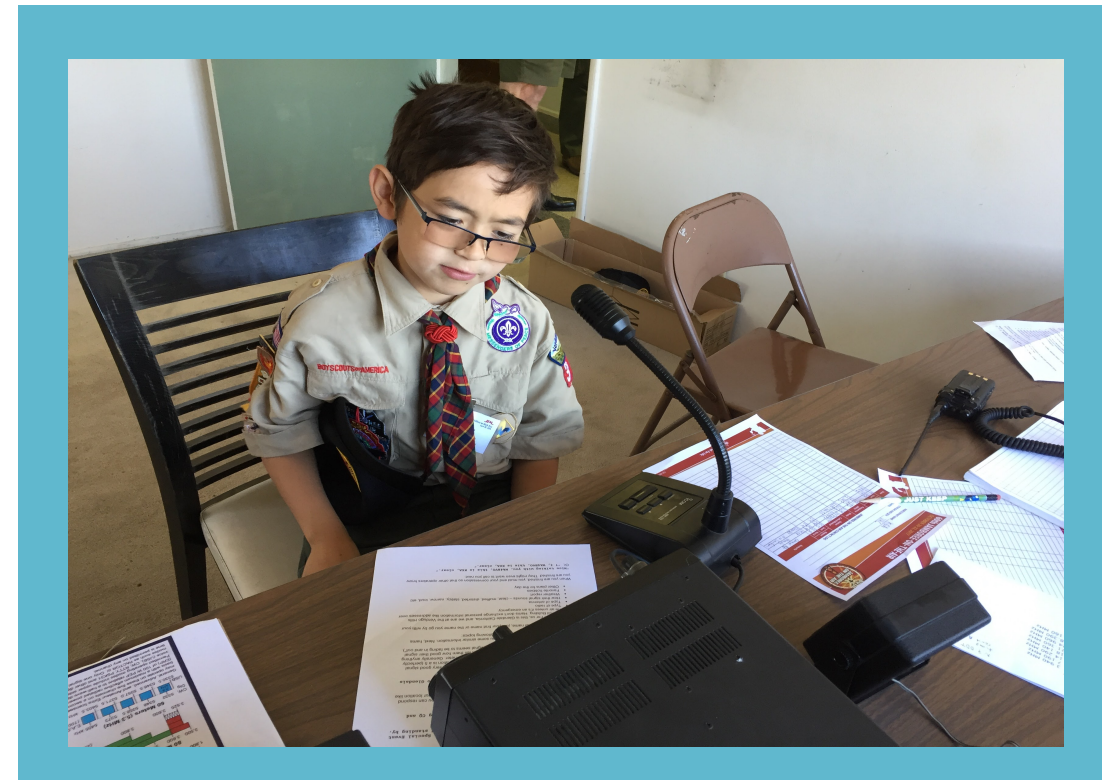
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- Scouts on the Air
7,872
- Stations on the Air
525
- Amateur Radio Ops
958
- Reports Filed 226
- Scout Councils 150

- More reports filed than stations that registered 226 vs 215
- Scout Council participation remained high
- Total reported participation down
- Propagation poor



Amateur Radio in Action



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We had a total of 56 scouts attend this year, many of whom were attending for their third year in a row! One of our Cub Scouts is a licensed amateur operator and he assisted tremendously, setting a wonderful example for other Scouts. Several Cub Scouts and parents at the JOTA station expressed interest in obtaining a license, due to both interest in the technology as well as the capability of maintaining contact on scouting events.



Amateur Radio in Action



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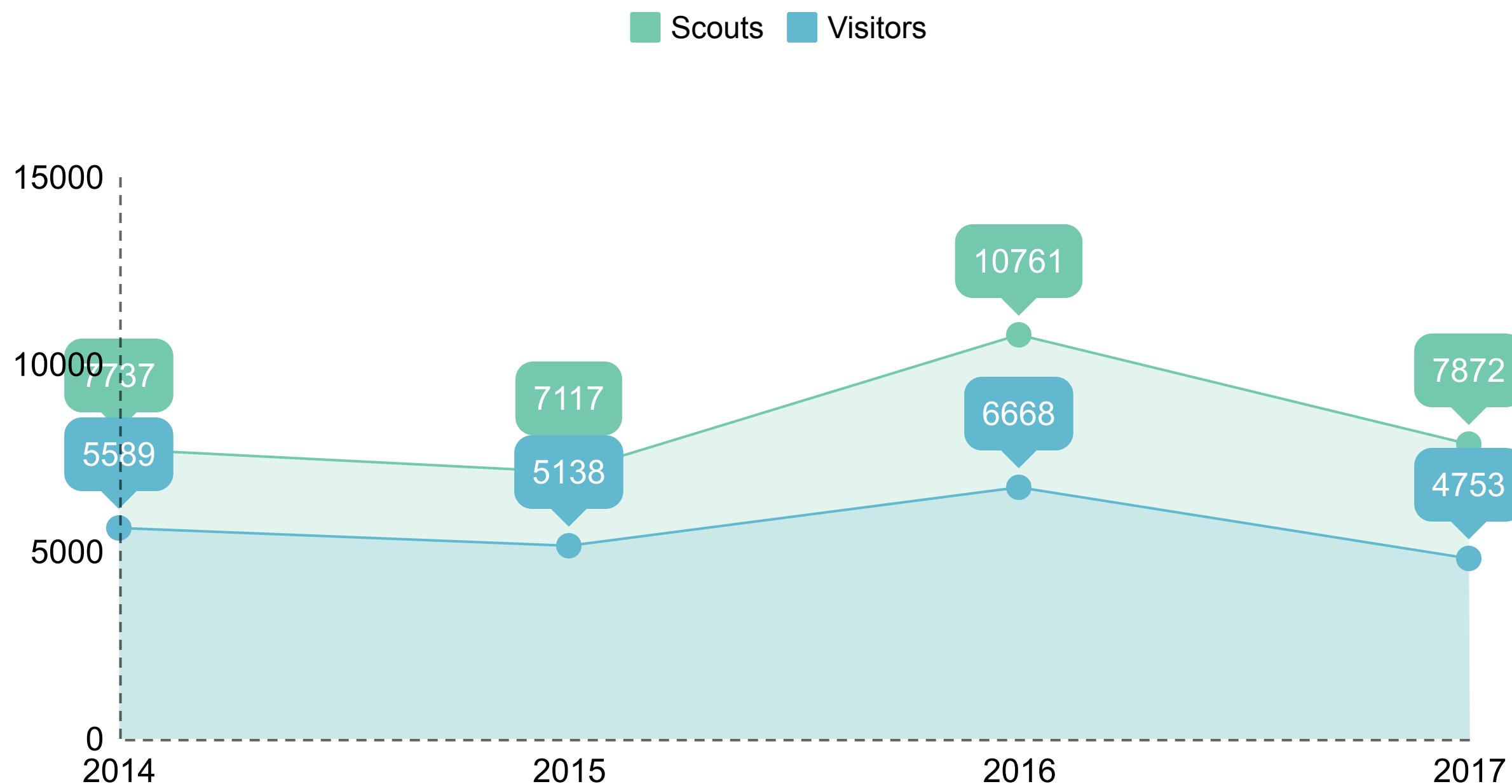
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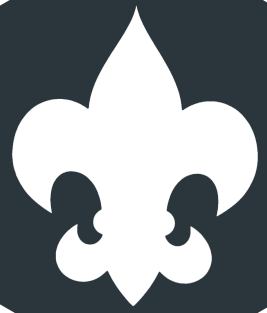
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Annual Participation



2017 returned to levels of 2015 and 2014 after a high level of reported participation in 2016



2017 Radio Scouting



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- New Radio Merit Badge requirements effective January. Included new option for ARDF-Foxhunting.
- Developed Cub Scout Program Helps for JOTA.
- Developed Troop Meeting Plan for Radio.
- Sold over the past 12 months:
 - Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strips - 1,870.
 - Morse Code Interpreter Strips - 307.



2018 Projects

- Establish JOTA Frequency Task Force to explore updated frequency listing and operating recommendations.
- Publish flyer with all amateur radio and JOTA related rank advancements in Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs.
- Examine new ways to publicize in real time the JOTA stations that are on the air to help contacts.
- Provide training on HF operations.



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Radio Scouting Thoughts

Radio Scouting and Jamboree on the Air are alive and doing well. The 2017 National Jamboree K2BSA operation was very successful. The new Radio Merit Badge pamphlet will be available soon. Plus, a number of improvements in JOTA support can make a big difference for station operation and the overall Scout and operator experience in 2018.

