



# What is Radio Scouting?

And what does it mean to me?

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- 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

#### Introduction

Jamboree on the Air

**Rank Advancement** 

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
- 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
Stations	31	68	204	271
Growth		119%	<i>200</i> %	<i>33</i> %
Scouts	454	3,185	18,537	13,866
Growth		<i>602</i> %	482%	<i>- 25</i> %

# How do I organize a JOTA event?

- ⊘ Work with your local Scout Council, District, or Unit.
- See JOTA Talking points at <a href="http://www.k2bsa.net/talking-points/">http://www.k2bsa.net/talking-points/</a>
- 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.

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



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

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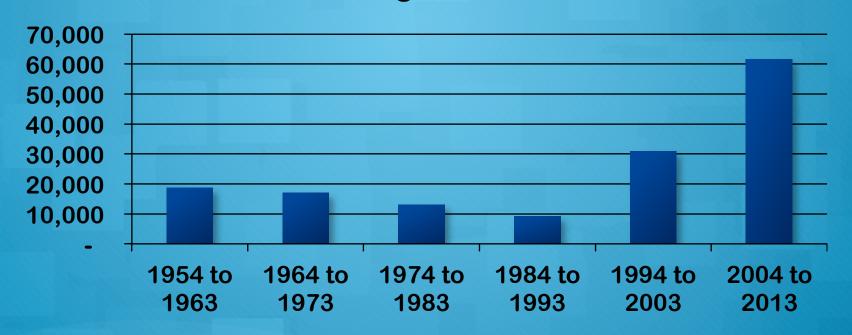
## What is Radio Merit Badge?



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

## Strong Interest & Growth

#### Radio Merit Badges Earned/Decade



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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 <a href="http://www.k2bsa.net/morse-code/">http://www.k2bsa.net/morse-code/</a>
- Already the second largest selling interpreter strip at 1,200 in the past year



## **National Scout Jamboree**

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



## Jamboree Sponsors

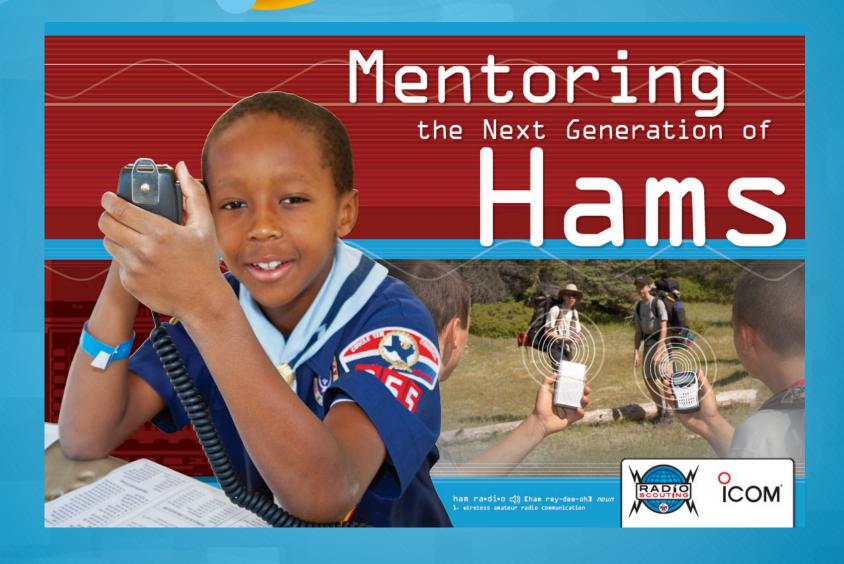
- Icom America --- transceivers, repeaters and so much more --- on site and great support
- SteppIR --- verticals and beam antennas
- Array Solutions --- band pass filters
- O GigaParts --- headphones/microphones
- Thanks for such great support



### **World JOTA-JOTI**

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





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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

## For More Info

- K2BSA Website <a href="http://www.k2bsa.net">http://www.k2bsa.net</a>
- K2BSA Facebook Page
   <a href="http://www.facebook.com/K2BSA.Scouting">http://www.facebook.com/K2BSA.Scouting</a>
- K2BSA Twitter <a href="http://twitter.com/K2BSA\_Scouting">http://twitter.com/K2BSA\_Scouting</a>
- O JOTA Pages <a href="http://www.scouting.org/jota">http://www.scouting.org/jota</a>
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