

# Jamboree on the Air Radio Scouting Update

Amateur Radio and Scouting





How many of  
you were  
involved in  
Scouting?



How many of  
you were  
influenced  
through  
Scouting to  
enter Amateur  
Radio?





How many of  
you are  
actively  
involved in  
Radio  
Scouting?

# Radio Scouting Path

Introduction

Jamboree on the Air



Rank Advancement

Radio Merit Badge



Special Recognition

Morse Code Interpreter Strip

Amateur Radio Operator  
Rating Strip

ARRL Service to Scouting  
Award

# Jamboree on the Air

3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in October  
World Wide Event  
Started 1957  
Now includes JOTI

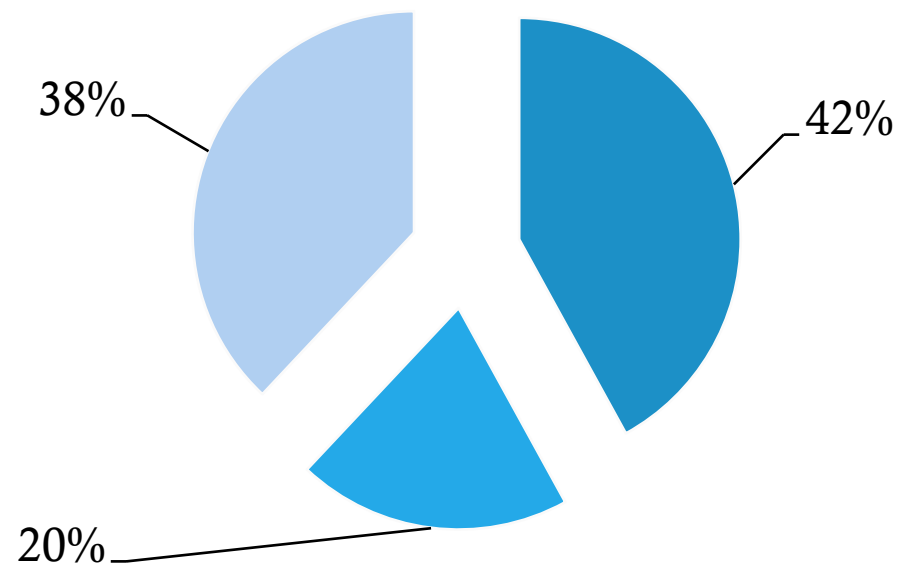


# World JOTA-JOTI

- 1.3 million participants
- 157 active countries
- Nearly 20,000 radio amateurs
- 11,500+ stations

# JOTA and JOTI

■ Radio ■ Internet ■ Both



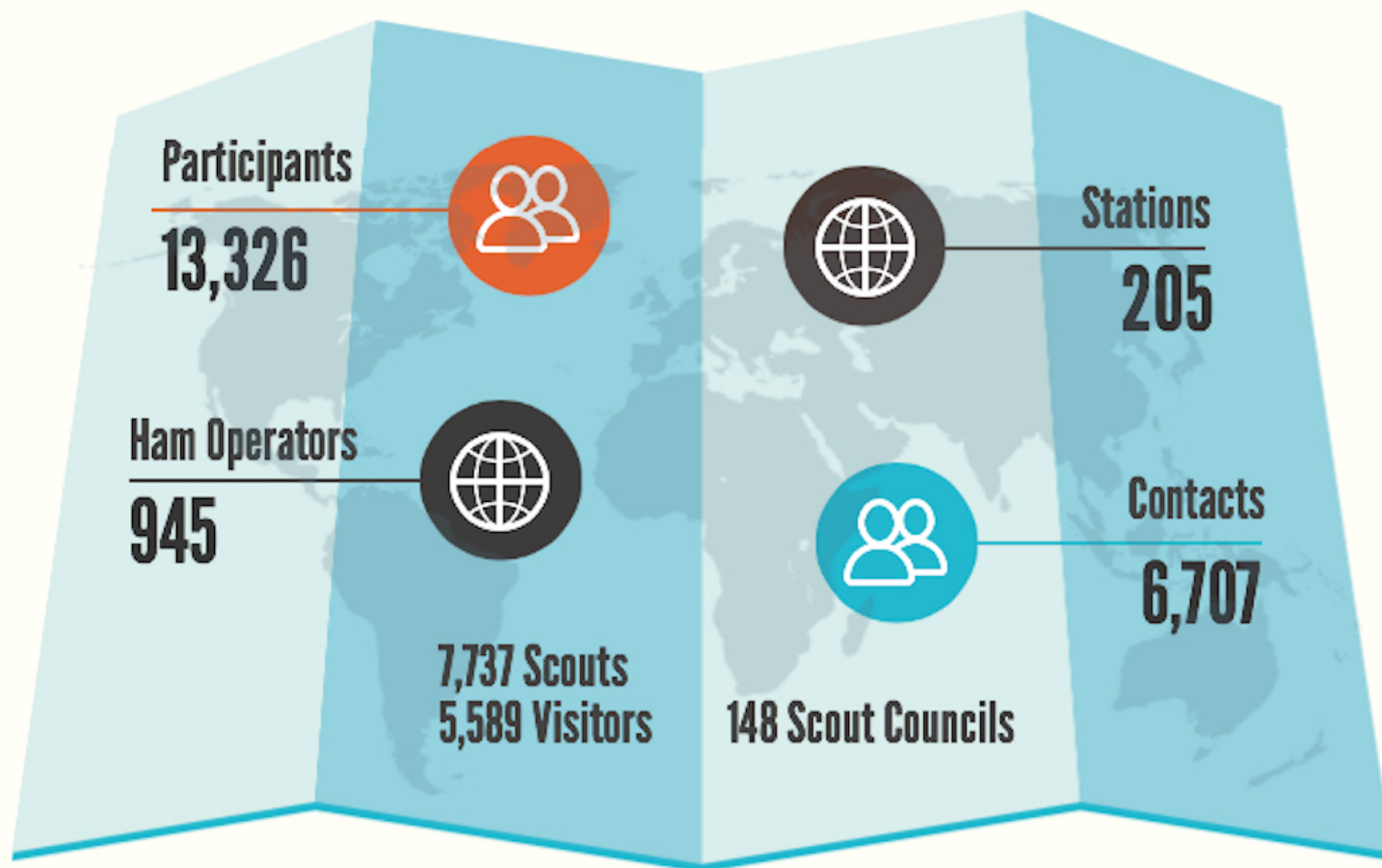


Top Countries 2014	Participants From Reports
Brazil	13,576
Portugal	11,041
Malaysia	8,570
Netherlands	8,187
USA	7,939
Australia	6,889
Venezuela	6,730
Mexico	6,529
UK	3,240
Oman	1,990

# USA Jamboree on the Air



# 2014 Results



# How to 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 16-18, 2015
- Go where the Scouts are as one more supporting activity for their event --- camporee, etc.



# Resources

- The go-to website <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 at <http://www.jotajoti.info>

# Get on the Air – Get Involved



**Make sure you put JOTA-JOTI 2015  
in your diary and calendar**



# Radio Scouting



# Radio Merit Badge

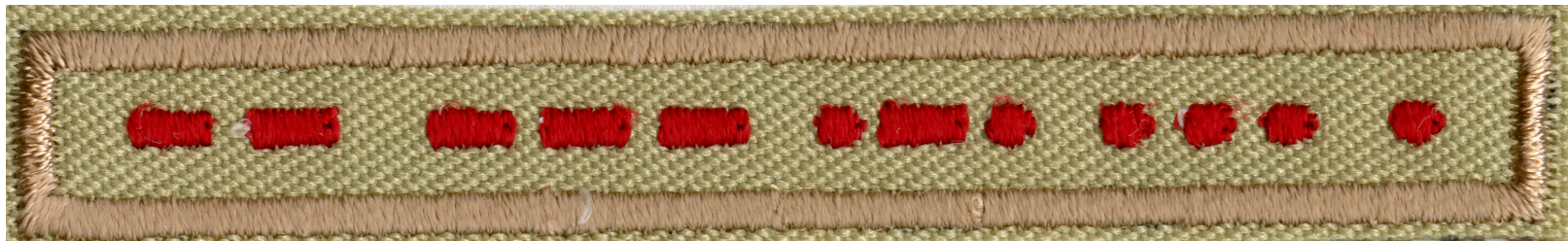


- Introduced in 1918
- 7,208 Earned in 2013
- Ranks # 73 out of ~ 135
- Up from 1,000/year in 1990s



# Morse Code Interpreter Strip

- 5 words per minute, send and receive
- 1,200 Sold in 2014
- Ranks # 2 right after Español



# Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip

- Do you have a license?
- Sew it on.



# ARRL Amateur Radio Service to Scouting Award



- Adult Leaders
- 10 Requirements, Meet 5
- Nomination to ARRL Section Manager
- ARRL issues certificate
- 26 Issued to Date





# Icom America Sponsorship

- Started 2012
- Renewed up to 2018
- 10 Scouting Loan Stations
- 2013 and 2017 Jamboree
- 3 Repeaters at the Summit
- Jamboree on the Air



# K2BSA Amateur Radio Association

- Call Sign Established in 1971
- Association Constitution and 501c3 in 1987
- Operates National Jamboree Station
- Call Sign Available for Scouting Events
- Lifetime Membership \$12



It's all about  
the next  
generation of  
hams.

# More Information

K2BSA Website — [www.K2BSA.net](http://www.K2BSA.net)

K2BSA Facebook Page — [K2BSA.Scouting](https://www.facebook.com/K2BSA.Scouting)

K2BSA Twitter — [K2BSA\\_Scouting](https://twitter.com/K2BSA_Scouting)

USA JOTA — [www.Scouting.org/JOTA](http://www.Scouting.org/JOTA)

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