

How to get involved in...

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)



JOTA and JOTI

JOTA-JOTI is the biggest World Scout Event (around 750.000 participants in 2010) and can certainly be one of the most exciting annual activities you can organise during a Scouting year. It is definitely an occasion when you can use every modern means of communication to spread the true Scouting spirit!

When participating in JOTA-JOTI, do remember the mission of this great event:

"Bringing Scouts from all over the world together by means of electronic communication, creating awareness, understanding and friendship with people outside their normal living environment. Stimulating interest in the technology used for communication, and developing young people's understanding and knowledge of these technologies"

Organise your event

What is it?

JOTA-JOTI is a worldwide event held over the third weekend in October each year (from Saturday 00:00 to Sunday 23:59 local time no matter where you live). It lasts for the whole 48 hours. It's a good idea to organise your event during these two days, if possible as part of a Scout meeting or special event; encouraging as many members as possible to participate.

Who can take part?

It is open to all and open to all members of Scouting

Badges

You can order the JOTA-JOTI badges from the world scout shop; which you can give to the young people at the end of the weekend to recognise their participation www.scouts.org.uk/shop

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

For a JOTA Station, you will need the help of a local licensed Amateur Radio Station. Regulations about the use of amateur radio equipment vary from one country to another, so the local station will be best placed to advise you and will usually come to your meeting with all the necessary equipment. Alternatively, you can organise a meeting at their station. The main goal of this is to make it possible for young people to talk with other Scouts using radio equipment under the supervision of a qualified operator.

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)

For a JOTI Station, you need to set up an Internet connection with at least one computer connected to the Internet. A small computer network is generally a good idea so that Scouts can share the connection.

Depending on the operating system in use on the computers you are using it may be worth downloading a piece of software which allows Internet Relay Chat (IRC), which is very popular

during JOTI for Scouts to communicate around the world with Scouts from different countries. It is also possible to connect directly using your web-browser and a Java-applet.

You can also use a web-cam, if you have one, to broadcast images from your station. You can get more information about how this works at www.joti.tv.

Listen live to JOTI Radio it will be broadcast across the weekend: <http://www.jotiradio.org/>

Register

Whether you'll be participating in JOTA or JOTI (or both) you should register your participation at <http://jotajoti.info/> It gives you access to various tools that will ease your participation and enable you to reserve a nickname for your use throughout the weekend. We've outlined some of these tools below.

It's always a good idea to register your station well in advance to avoid the peaks of connections that occur during the event itself; and which can at times result in very slow response time from the server.

Username protection

When you register your chosen username (nickname) for the event, you'll need to provide a password to use it. This means no one else can then use your nickname. Even if you have to disconnect for a period (e.g. to get some sleep!), you'll be able to re-join the fun later using the same identity, which will help in the process of building global friendships during the weekend.

Temporary email address

Protecting privacy and security is an important consideration when planning your participation; therefore your registration provides you with a temporary email address. All messages sent to this temporary address during the JOTA-JOTI event will be forwarded to your "real" email account. This way, your personal email address need never be made public during the event and your temporary address will be disabled automatically one month after the event.

Search Stations

You can search for a specific station, or search for stations by viewing a list of all stations in a Country. This one in particular is a good way of finding a Group to link with if you are wanting to plan a camp in that country.

Jampuz

Jampuz is a very popular game based on the exchange between participants of their Jota-Joti identification (JID). You can collect the JID of each group you are talking to or chatting with and register these contacts on www.jotajoti.org. You receive a bingo card, which shows you the level you have achieved. Achieving certain levels will give the option to download a certificate. It's not all about numbers however – the quality of communications on a global scale is just as important as the quantity of contacts you may make.

Hello world!

Everything is ready and from any time after midnight (your time) on the first day you can start talking and chatting with Scouts from around the globe, run activities with your Scouts (some countries organise dedicated activities, treasure chess, contests or on-line games) and use the JOTA-JOTI servers to report your activities and results.

Report

As well as the web-logs run directly by Scout groups on the <http://www.jotiradio.org/> website itself, national JOTA-JOTI Organizers (NJOs) should report about the various activities they have organised in their respective country. You can help them to prepare their reports by sending them information and simple statistics such as the number of young people who took part in your activities soon after the event closes.

JOTA: jota@scouts.org.uk

JOTI: Joti@scouts.org.uk

Leave nothing but your thanks

JOTA-JOTI is organized by a network of volunteers that work very hard to plan, organise, manage and facilitate your participation. They are involved in setting-up the required equipment and infrastructure (Radio Stations and Internet Servers), moderating the various IRC Channels, coordinating the participation of Scouts in every country, and of course, reporting every year about the activities they have organized and the total numbers of Scouts that have taken part in their country.

Without their incredible commitment, energy and involvement, the world's largest annual weekend event for young people would simply not be possible!

So please don't forget to thank them ☺

Further information and useful links:

www.scouts.org.uk/jotajotai

www.joti.tv

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