

# JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

FOR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS



Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually during the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and Radio operators around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. It's a great way to get more youth interested in amateur radio while demonstrating the fun as well as the service aspects via emergency communication of amateur radio. The scope of your JOTA activities is only limited by your imagination

## Tell Me More

Scouts of any age can participate: from Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturers, up to BSA Adult Leaders.

Any amateur mode of operation can be used such, as CW, SSB, PSK, SSTV, FM, and satellite. The more modes in operation, the more exciting the event will be for the Scouts. JOTA is not a contest. The idea is to contact other Scout stations and allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to other Scouts and learn about who they are and what they are doing.

The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies.

The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that nearly over 1 million Scouts and around 20,000 amateur radio operators participate in JOTA annually, from more than 17,000 stations in over 150 countries.

## When Is It?

Jamboree-on-the-Air is held during the third weekend in October every year. JOTA starts Friday and ends Sunday, but there are no official hours of operation, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts.

## How Can I Participate as an Amateur Radio Operator?

Contact your local Scout council and see what may already be planned in your area and how you can help. You can find your Local Council at [scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx](https://scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx)

If nothing is currently planned, or if current plans aren't reaching your area, you can work with the council or a local unit (pack, troop, crew) to set up a JOTA station or arrange for visits to your ham shack. You can also participate just by making QSOs with the many JOTA stations that will be on the air. A good resource to find a local Scout Unit and Council Service Center is the Be-A-Scout website at [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)

## Where Can I Find More Information?

Substantial JOTA resources are available online.

Go to [scouting.org/jota](https://scouting.org/jota), or scan this QR code with your smartphone, for the information provided by the Boy Scouts of America.



Information is also available from the ARRL at: [arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota](https://arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota)



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