

Jamboree-on-the-Internet

OCTOBER 15–16, 2011



WHAT IS JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET?

Jamboree-on-the-Internet, or JOTI, is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. This event utilizes computers and the Internet. Thousands of Scout groups can be contacted during the weekend.

In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols can meet and, under the supervision of leadership, make many new friends. Councils and districts can host a JOTI event at Scout shows or other events where computers can be connected to the Internet.

WHY JOTI

It is an economical way of communicating around the world.

It has worldwide accessibility and availability.

It allows Scouts to share more than just a "Hi." They can share more meaningful information.

It is educational.

The exchanges can include information such as:

- Alias name
- Location of event
- Scout rank
- Hobbies
- Age

Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships and exchange of badges, pins, and patches.

The communication method is by computer but can involve the following methods used during JOTI:

- Email messages
- Scout chat rooms
- Audio and video

WHAT IS NEEDED

All that is needed is one or more computers, a modem, and a phone line. As for software, you will need at least:

- A web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer
- An email program or built-in email feature of the web browser
- A chat program (IRC client) to meet and chat with others in real time

There are many other things you could use to enhance your JOTI experience; here are some ideas:

- Scanner to scan pictures
- Microphone to connect to a sound card to talk using a voice-capable chat program such as VIRC or JOTI eGroups chat area
- Help from a local amateur radio club
- Digital cameras to take live snapshots to share
- Webcam to post snapshots during JOTI

WHO

JOTI welcomes participation by all youth and organizations that support Scouting:

- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts
- Venturers
- Chartered organizations
- Supporters of Scouting
- Anyone interested in doing a Good Turn for Scouting

WHEN

JOTI will always occur the same weekend as Jamboree-on-the-Air, which is the third full weekend in October.

JOTI will begin on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 00:00 hours local time, and end on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 24:00 hours local time.



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PURPOSE

The purpose of organizing JOTI is:

- To overlap the program objectives and technology of the annual JOTA and JOTI where possible.
- To bring together as many people as possible at a specific time with the objective of sharing Scouting.

Individuals can participate, but the emphasis of JOTI is for groups/troops/patrols to participate in JOTI at Scouting events. Of course, JOTI is great for the Lone Scout and his counselor.

JOTI activities should offer opportunities for Scouts who:

- Do not have computers
- Do not have access to the Internet
- Are disabled

Participation in JOTI does not have to be for the entire weekend.

JOTI gives Scouts who have knowledge of Internet operations a chance to share with others, using the fundamental Scouting principle of learning by doing.

RULES

Be courteous and acknowledge messages received.

If you promise to send information or exchange badges, then keep your word.

Think before you write or talk. Do not use language that could offend others.

The most important rule to follow is to not give your address, telephone number, or any other personal information on the Internet.

WHERE TO START

Start by going to the JOTI website: www.joti.org. This site has all the information needed to start using JOTI, including the software you need to participate fully. This site is where you can get help setting up JOTI and where you can sign in using the guest book. This site is the meeting place for all participants. The rules are also listed.

HOW TO START

Before JOTI begins, make sure you visit www.joti.org and www.jotajoti.org. These sites can help you get ready for the JOTI weekend. After getting all the software ready and working, recheck these sites and register yourself as a participant right before the JOTI weekend. You can get a temporary email address that will protect you from unwanted material after JOTI.

GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW

Make the exchange information simple and related to Scouting, school, and hobbies.

Brief reports are requested. Download the sample report format. This report should include unit number and local council name and number.

Methods to be used during the JOTI experience are email, chat rooms, video, or audio.

Be sure to gather the following information:

- Number of participants
- Interesting incidents and exchanges, etc.
- Scout alias names used
- Photos with captions (small groups—Scouts in uniform)

Send suggestions, ideas, and information to the JOTI coordinator.

CONTACT CARDS/PATCHES

The JOTI contact cards are downloadable from the Highlights page on www.scouting.org/international. The contact cards are available to anyone participating and are a good place to record some of the contacts made during JOTI. The patches are temporary insignia to be worn on the right pocket of the Scout uniform or on jackets/vests, and they cost \$4 each.

The patches will be available after August 1 and in **LIMITED QUANTITY**, so order early! Please allow four weeks for delivery. Checks or money orders will be accepted and must be made payable to Boy Scouts of America. We also accept American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards. Send requests for cards and/or patches to Boy Scouts of America, Jamboree-on-the-Internet, S221, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, or call the International Department at (972) 580-2405.

JOTI REPORT

Please send a report on your JOTI activities to the same address as your patch order. Your combined information will be forwarded to the World Scout Bureau and will be used to improve the overall event. Include anything that was funny, interesting, or learned, along with your ideas or suggestions to help improve the event. If you include pictures, put them on a disk using JPG format so they can be forwarded with the report. Make sure you have the full names of all those in the picture. Scouts in uniform would be really great. Please provide anything that would be of interest to others.

An example of a story: "The snow was two feet deep but we drank hot chocolate and talked to Scouts from New Zealand. They had just gotten back from swimming."

