

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC.

JOTA & JOTI

2014 Information Booklet



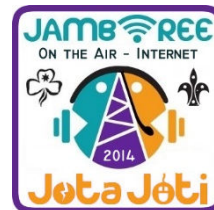
2014 JOTA/JOTI Event Badge

57th Jamboree on the Air
&
18th Jamboree on the Internet

18 – 19 October 2014

Everyone can take part, an international Event!

A message from Branch Advisor – JOTA/JOTI & Electronics:



“Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet on the third weekend of October is the largest Scouting event in the world, with nearly 1 million Scouts from 160+ countries engaged in conversations across town and around the world. Scouts communicate with one another via amateur radio and the Internet, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement.”

Some important hints for a successful activity:

- Do your research. Start at www.scoutsqld.com.au – “Events” and select JOTA/JOTI. Check often for new information.
- Decide on your venue. Plenty of good high trees to support antennas are desirable, but lack of trees can be overcome with a bit of ingenuity.
- Publicise your activity. Make sure that every youth member and leader knows about it.
- Engage an Amateur Radio Operator. If you cannot find one, contact the Queensland Advisor – JOTA/JOTA at jota@qldhg.scouts.com.au and I will assist with locating an amateur operator or radio club in your area that may be willing to assist you. I need to know WHERE (suburb/town/state) you will be running your activity. This needs to be done NOW, not a few days before the event.
- Make sure you have a good internet connection.
- Build a program around the activity. Do some preparation activities in weeks leading up, so that Scouts will know what’s expected of them, and what they will say to other Scouts.
- Plan alternative, supporting activities for the weekend. Not every Scout can use the radios or computers at the same time. Look through the Award Scheme and see which badges match your program.
- Look after the non-scout people who help you. Keep up the coffee and food, and make offers of help to assist them to set up and pack away.
- Make sure someone takes plenty of good quality, clear photos of your event.
- Tell the world how well you did. Register your group at www.jotjoti.info/. This information helps you tell the world what you got up to, and it helps organizers know numbers of participants, and how it went.

JOTA/JOTI is all about putting Scouts in touch with other Scouts. Here’s an opportunity for you to provide your Scouts with a truly International Scouting experience without the expense of traveling. It also exposes Scouts to new experiences and new interests.

Albert Shelley VK4POW
Queensland Branch Advisor - JOTA-JOTI and Electronics

JOTA/JOTI INFORMATION:

The following information is provided to assist you with setting up and running a JOTA/JOTI event. Not all of the information required is contained within this booklet and a number of links to recognized Scout websites have been provided to further assist you with program ideas and event registration.

International:

<http://jotajoti.info> is the Official World Organization of the Scout Movement's webpage for all things about Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI). I encourage all to visit this website for all information on JOTA/JOTI. This website is where you can register your group, activity for JOTA/JOTI.

Australia:

Additional information is available on the Australian International JOTA/JOTI site at <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/jotajoti>

Queensland:

Further information is available on the Queensland International JOTA/JOTI page at <http://scoutsqld.com.au>. Additional copies of this handbook and other forms relating to the JOTA/JOTI activity are located on this site.

JOTA-JOTI Australia mailing list:

Subscribe to JOTA-JOTI Australia mailing list and we'll keep you up to date by email with the latest news and announcements about JOTA-JOTI, internet, radio, National and International Scouting, plus lots of other exciting opportunities throughout the year to contact Scouts all over Australia and the world. To subscribe send a blank email to jota-joti-australia-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Australia Radio and Internet Scouting Forum:

This is the forum to exchange news, views and to share related information with likeminded people from Australia and other nations. Major topics include the World Scout Jamboree on The Air and Jamboree on The Internet (JOTA/JOTI), a monthly World Scout Net on Echolink, Scoutlink all year round, plus your own activities. Youth and adult members and supporters are welcome to subscribe. To subscribe send a blank email to Australia-radio-internet-scouting-forum-subscribe@yahogroups.com

JOTA:

The amateur radio operator is responsible for all operations of the radio and must be present while the radio station is in use or capable of being used. An adult leader must assist the radio operator and supervise youth members at all times while they are using the radios by controlling behaviour and assisting with on-air conversations.

Echolink:

Safe, fast, easy, clear, fun, your JOTA ticket to International Scouting. This is an alternate method used by Amateur radio operators to communicate around the world and can be used for taking part in JOTA. It is an amateur radio system that works over the Internet, linked to radios and other computers throughout the world. It is generally perfect two way voice communication with the contact of your choice in the country of your choice. You need a standard computer microphone, soundcard and speakers, a reliable internet connection either wired or wireless. The software is able to be downloaded from www.echolink.org after the requested amateur radio operator callsign has been validated by the Echolink administrators. Validation normally takes about 48 hours to confirm the licence details. An Australian Standard or Advanced class amateur radio operator must be present while Echolink is in use by non-amateur scout members.

To make it easy for other JOTA stations to contact you using **ECHOLINK**, insert the word **JOTA** in capitals followed by your location as your Location/Description. The radio operator will assist with the changes to the Echolink configuration to allow this to be displayed on the Echolink Station Users list.

Amateur Radio Operator Badge:

All Scouts Australia members who gain an **Amateur Radio Licence** wear a special badge on the right sleeve. It is a gold diamond with a green central stripe. A new Form F11 has been created and processing has been streamlined so that all Queensland youth and adult members who have an amateur Radio licence may be awarded this badge. The award is recorded as a skill in SMS against the member's record. Please direct enquiries to the Queensland Branch Advisor JOTA/JOTI and Electronics for further information on this award and badge.



Scout Amateur Radio Call signs:

These are available to Scout formations for use throughout the year and during JOTA. Please direct enquiries to the Queensland Branch Advisor JOTA/JOTI and Electronics for approval and recommendation of Scout call signs through the WIA. The amateur radio operator will use their own callsign in the absence of a Scout allocated callsign.

JOTI:

An adult leader must supervise the computers to control behaviour and assist with conversations. See the netiquette page in this guide.

JOTA/JOTI BADGES:

JOTA/JOTI badges are available from the Scout Supply Centre. Please contact the local badge secretary to have the badges ordered from the Scout Supply Centre. The Supply Centre can be contacted at sales@scoutsupply.com.au to inquire about the price of the JOTA/JOTI badges.

The Chief Commissioner of Queensland has approved the 2014 JOTA/JOTI badge to be worn on the uniform as a special event badge from October 17, 2014, to January 17, 2015, at which time it must be removed.

CHIEF SCOUT'S JOTA/JOTI MESSAGE:

Download and hear a message by the Chief Scout and Chief Commissioners of Scout's Australia from <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/jotajoti> available from the week before JOTA/JOTI.

Your Group Checklist

- ❑ Register your group at <http://jotajoti.info> It is open for registrations about two months prior two JOTA/JOTI. You can also complete an online BLOG. This information helps you tell the world what you got up to, and it helps organizers know numbers of participants, and how it went.
- ❑ Order JOTA/JOTI badges, through your badge secretary from the Scout Supply Centre.

JOTA

- ❑ Ask a radio operator now if he/she would set up and operate a JOTA Station for you. Arrange a mutually suitable venue e.g. Scout Den, operator's home, campsite. Give your amateur operator the attached JOTA Operator's Page. An Amateur Radio Club may help you to find an operator. The Wireless Institute of Australia Website www.wia.org.au/clubs/vk4/ lists all of the Queensland affiliated clubs and their contact details. Generally the amateur radio operators that assist with JOTA will provide all radio and antenna equipment unless the site has preinstalled radio equipment, like BP Park at Samford.
- ❑ Invite your operator to talk at Section meetings about basic radio communication and speaking on air.
- ❑ Appoint people to assist your operator and to organise activities. Invite a Guide Unit.
- ❑ Program for participants while not on the radio, and prepare some local information to help with conversations on air.
- ❑ **After JOTA**, complete the attached JOTA/JOTI report and return it **before 31 October**.
- ❑ **Thank your radio operator/s, JOTA/JOTI badges and a small certificate make an excellent memento for the radio operators.**

JOTI

- ❑ Ask a *computer expert* to help you set up the hardware and software (a Youth member may fit the bill). Give your *computer expert* the attached JOTI Operator's Page.
- ❑ Decide what sort of JOTI activity would suit your Group. Some options are IRC (keyboard chatting), email, webcam, voice, visiting web sites, or any combination of these.
- ❑ Pick a venue with an internet connection, either wired or wireless, and arrange computer hardware and software. While some Groups set up computers at their dens, others arrange to use computer rooms at schools or local libraries (please check to see if there are security measures in place that will not allow you to access chat sites).
- ❑ Familiarise yourself with the safe JOTI operating practices outlined in the attached 'Netiquette'.
- ❑ Find out what charges will apply for use of equipment and access to the Internet.
- ❑ Invite your *computer expert* to speak at Section meetings about computers, JOTI, and netiquette.
- ❑ Provide close Leader supervision to police netiquette and keep users within the aims of your JOTI activity.
- ❑ **After JOTI**, complete the attached JOTA/JOTI report and return it **before 31 October**.
- ❑ **Thank your computer operator/s, JOTA/JOTI badges and a small certificate make an excellent memento for the computer operators.**

Netiquette Guidelines for JOTI

This is a condensed version of Netiquette Guidelines for JOTI at www.jotajoti.info.

Here are some simple rules to make your JOTI experience FUN & ENJOYABLE while at the same time being SAFE.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- ◆ Never give out your full name, address, and phone number, etc. to anyone while chatting or E-Mailing.
- ◆ If you receive an E-Mail or other internet communication from anyone that WANTS TO MEET YOU or asks for any personal information - DO NOT REPLY! Tell your leader immediately if you receive one.

SCOUTING COURTESY

- ◆ Reply to all messages that are received.
- ◆ If you promise to send information or exchange badges, etc. keep your word.
- ◆ When using E-Mail or even signing someone's guestbook do not use language which could offend others. Also, try to be positive, constructive and focus on the fun aspect of Cyber-Scouting!

E-MAIL GUIDELINES

- ◆ Assume that mail on the internet is not secure (particularly during JOTI weekend where all in sundry may be looking at e-mails). Never put in a mail message anything you would not put on a postcard.
- ◆ Respect the copyright on material that you reproduce. Almost every country has copyright laws.
- ◆ Never send chain letters via E-Mail. Chain letters are forbidden on the internet.
- ◆ Good rule of thumb: Be conservative in what you send liberal in what you receive. Don't send heated messages, even if you are provoked.
- ◆ With writing E-Mail messages always keep it simple.
- ◆ Keep in mind other peoples culture, language and humour when E-Mailing people in another country.
- ◆ Use mixed case (like in this document, where capital letters are necessary). UPPER CASE LOOKS AS IF YOU ARE SHOUTING and people don't like that.
- ◆ Don't send photos, documents, sound files or any other attachments with an E-Mail as they may take too long for the recipient to download - wasting their time and money.

GENERAL INTERNET RELAY CHAT (IRC) GUIDELINES

- ◆ When you enter a chat room, it is wise to "listen" first to get to know what's being discussed on the channel before jumping in.
- ◆ It's not necessary to greet everyone in the chat room individually - usually one "Hello" is enough.
- ◆ Don't badger for personal information such as gender, age or location (the famous a/s/l line when you first talk to someone in a chat room!). After you have built an acquaintance with another user, these questions MAY be appropriate, but that is up to you. If hesitant - don't say it.

ADDITIONAL RULES FROM SCOUTLINK (OFFICIAL JOTI CHAT CHANNELS)

- ◆ **Conduct** - Please conduct yourselves according to the Scout Law and Promise.
- ◆ **Idling** - Channel sitting or idling are not permitted. People are here to talk to others. There is nothing worse than trying to talk to someone who are not there.
- ◆ **Bots and Scripts** - No unauthorised bots and scripts are permitted
- ◆ **Sounds** - No random wav and midis are to be played on channels. The channel #sounds is available for people to share sounds with others.
- ◆ **Language** - No abusive or foul language will be permitted. You will be kicked out (from 5 minutes to indefinitely - even a whole ISP may not be permitted to participate if your behaviour is incorrect)
- ◆ **Flooding** - No flooding by type, colour or sounds are permitted
- ◆ **Personal info** - Please do not give out your phone number or address on open channel!

Scout Jamboree On The Air - Jamboree On the Internet

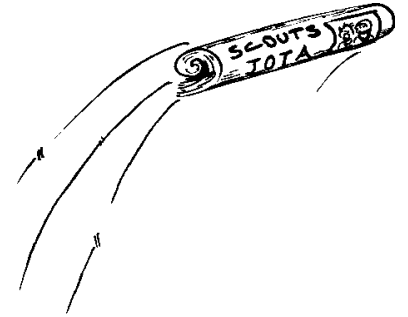
Media Releases and Publicity

JOTA-JOTI is a great chance to publicise your Group and Scouting. Combine some of the following details with information about your own JOTA/JOTI activity:

- JOTA-JOTI is the **largest annual activity** in World Scouting.
- JOTA-JOTI is held every year on the third full weekend in October.
- **JOTA-JOTI enables Scouts from ages 6 and up to experience a World Jamboree**, meet and share ideas, make friends, and have fun using radio and computer communication.
- This year in Queensland over 2500 Scouts and Leaders will make friends and share ideas, along with almost 1 million Scouts and Guides around Australia and the World.

JOTA

- ◆ Youth Members have the opportunity to learn about and use a range of **radio technology**. Examples are: data, amateur television, voice, satellite, long range high frequency radio, and Morse code.
- ◆ **Venues** vary from the Scout Den or campsite, to high-rise buildings and mountain tops.
- ◆ **Radio operators** are the key to JOTA. Equipment and skills are provided at no charge.
- ◆ JOTA unites **three community groups**: Scouts Australia, Guides Australia, and the Amateur Radio Operators .



JOTI

- **JOTI was first officially held in 1997**, having started spontaneously with the widespread use of the Internet,
- **JOTI activities** include: Internet Relay Chat, visiting Scouting websites and exchanging e-mail.
- **Scout netiquette** outlines safe and responsible use of the Internet.
- **Venues** may include local Scout dens, campsites, libraries, schools, colleges and universities.

JOTA Operator's page

PLEASE PASS THIS PAGE TO THE RADIO OPERATOR(S)



Firstly, thank you for assisting Scouts with JOTA/JOTI – the largest annual Scout event. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Register your group at www.jotajoti.info. This information helps you tell the world what you got up to, and it helps organizers know numbers of participants, and how it went.

SCOUT CALLING FREQUENCIES - Please QSY off the frequency after establishing communication.

World CW calling frequencies: (Updated from 1 July 2007)
3.570, 7.030, 14.060, 18.080, 21.140, 24.910, 28.180, 50.160

World voice calling frequencies: (Updated from 1 July 2007)
3.690 & 3.940 MHz, 7.090 & 7.190, 14.290, 18.140, 21.360, 24.960, 28.390, 50.160

Australian voice calling frequencies:
3.650, 7.090, 14.190, 21.190, 28.590, 52.160

Calling frequencies for Slow Scan TV (SSTV):
3.630, 7.033, 14.227

Calling Frequencies for PSK31
14.070

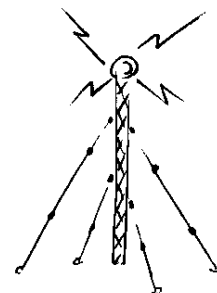
CHIEF SCOUT'S JOTA/JOTI MESSAGE

Broadcast on Saturday October 16 at 1.00pm (1300K or 0300Z) for 10 minutes. Test transmissions will commence at 12.50pm (1250K). Speeches by the Chief Scout, Patron of Guides, and Scout and Guide Chief Commissioners will conclude by 1.10pm (1310K), followed by a brief call back. The Message will be available to be downloaded as an audio file via www.scouts.com.au the week before JOTA/JOTI.

A list of stations and frequencies broadcasting the Chief Scout's JOTA/JOTI Message may be announced on WIANEWS in the weeks before JOTA/JOTI.

'Thankyou' – Thank you for enabling Scouts to participate in JOTA. Your Scout Group should submit a JOTA station report before the 31st October including your name, callsign, and a brief summary of contacts and participants.

**Please give this sheet to your Amateur Radio Operator
for use during JOTA/JOTI**



JOTI Operator's page

PLEASE PASS THIS PAGE TO YOUR TECHNICAL HELPER(S)

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SOFTWARE TO USE - **mIRC** which can be downloaded from www.mirc.co.uk. Install this on your computer that you are using for JOTI.

JOTI CHAT ROOM LOCATIONS

Dedicated Scout/Guide Chat Rooms are available through *The Scoutlink Project*, a group of volunteer Scout and Guide Leaders who maintain chat rooms for your use. The following server addresses take you to a free server in the particular area of choice (Australia, America or Europe). Program *mIRC* to go to anyone of these servers:

Server Location	Server Address	Ports
Random Scoutlink server	chat.scoutlink.net	6667-6668
Random Australian Scoutlink server	chat.au.scoutlink.net	6667-6668
Random American Scoutlink Server	chat.am.scoutlink.net	6667-6668
Random European Scoutlink server	chat.eu.scoutlink.net	6667-6668

WEBCHAT – If you are using a network of computers at a school, university, library or commercial business you may experience problems with *mIRC* from the computer's **firewall**. *Scoutlink* offers a facility to chat via a normal Internet Browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape). Go to their web site www.scoutlink.net and go to "Web Chat (Java)" section. Browser chat uses the similar layout to *mIRC* and is easy to use. Please follow their instructions on the web page. **Use Webchat as a last resort measure and not as a replacement to mIRC.**

Chief Scout's JOTA/JOTI Message – You can download an Audio file of the Chief Scout's JOTA/JOTI Address, which is heard over the airwaves at 1.00pm (Eastern Standard Time). Download this file and play it at your JOTA/JOTI activity.

Download the audio file from: www.scouts.com.au

The **Chat Log Sheet** (overpage) is designed so that you can keep a record of who you chatted with on the JOTI weekend. Have a world map on hand to identify where your chatters come from! Send pictures to your new friends of your Scout Hall, etc. There are plenty of ideas for you to give your Scouts/Guides a unique JOTI weekend.



Be aware of the rules of JOTI – please become familiar with the JOTI Netiquette (a summary is printed in this booklet).

Thank You for helping out and allowing Scouts/Guides participate in the World's largest Jamboree!

_____ JOTA/JOTI Group Report Form

Please complete and return this report **before 31 October**

Post completed report to:

**QLD Branch Advisor - JOTA/JOTI
Scouts Australia, QLD Branch Inc.
PO Box 520
TOOWONG QLD 4066**

or e-mail a report containing this information to:
jota@qldhq.scouts.com.au

The leader co-ordinating the JOTA/JOTI activity will need to collect the information from the radio and/or Internet operators to complete this report.

Your anticipated assistance is greatly appreciated.

Your report will be used in the Branch and National reports. The National JOTA Report including your yarns, photographs, newspaper articles etc. will be sent to the World Scout Bureau.

Group: _____ District: _____ Area/Region: _____

Leader compiling report: _____ Scouting Role: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

After hours phone no:(_____) _____ Email: _____

We participated in a (Please circle): **JOTA (radio only)** **JOTI (internet only)** **JOTA & JOTI**

Scout Groups that Participated	Number from Scouts Australia	Number from Guides Australia	Number of Non members	TOTAL

Please attach a copy of any photographs or newspaper clippings for publication.

Name of Newspaper: _____ Date published: _____

Summary of contacts made -

	JOTA Contacts		JOTI Contacts/Activity	
	Scout/Guide	Non Scout/Guide	JOTI chats	Scout/Guide websites 'hit'
No. of Australian contacts				
No. of overseas contacts				
Total No. of contacts				

JOTA STATION INFORMATION

Station Manager/Operator in charge of station: _____ Number of operators: _____

Station callsign(s) : _____ JOTA station location: _____

JOTI BASE INFORMATION

JOTI Base Location: _____ Main Nick Name Used: _____

Person in charge of computer activities: _____ Number of IT staff: _____

Please list overleaf your interesting JOTA/JOTI activities, highlights, and memorable contacts.