

61st JAMBOREE ON THE AIR and the 22nd JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET.

2018 JOTA / JOTI PARTICIPATION REPORT and BADGE ORDER FORM INFORMATION PAGES



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With no restrictions on age, on the number that can participate and at little or no expense, JOTA provides an opportunity for Scouts and Guides to contact each other by amateur radio and or Internet. The radio stations are operated by licensed amateur radio operators. Many Scouts and Leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participate in JOTA / JOTI through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs

How Do You Participate?

What Is Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)

JOTA is an annual event in which around half-a-million Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. It's the sheer excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout or Guide at some other place in the world that attracts so many youngsters to this event. JOTA is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared.

To participate in JOTA you must have a licensed amateur radio operator who will supply all the equipment plus their expertise. You should help to set up and pack up, provide leader supervision at all times, offer refreshments, and give a big thank you afterwards. JOTA can be set up anywhere and is done so regularly all over Australia with as simple a system as a wire antenna slung from the branches of a tree and a radio run off a car battery!

What is Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI)

Similarly to the JOTA, the Jamboree-On-The -Internet connects Scouts using Internet techniques. Volunteer organizations like Scoutlink and ScoutNet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. The JOTI is held on the same weekend as the Jamboree-On-The-Air. Groups can choose to take part in either one or both

Join in! And meet us What do I NEED.

It's fairly easy to participate to JOTI. All you need is one or more computers, a modem and a phone line. As software you will need at least:

- a web browser - such as Netscape, Google, Firefox or Internet Explorer
- an email program - Or you can use the built-in e-mail feature of the web browser
- Log on to Web Chat – Start chatting with other Scouts on Scout Link – <https://webchat.scoutlink.net/>

There are many other items that you could use to enhance your JOTI experience. Check with your friends what you have at hand. Here are some ideas:

- Use a fax to send hand-written greetings to other groups
- Use a scanner to scan pictures and logos of your Scout Group and the place where you live.
- Connect a microphone to your computer's sound card and talk with other people using a voice-capable chat program such as vIRC or by joining our e Groups Chat area.
- Ask a local radio-amateur club for help and talk or Morse with other Scout Groups from all over the world over radio and TV waves.
- Use a digital camera and take live snapshots of the participants.
- Use a webcam to post regular snapshots of your location on the web during JOTI.

What is ECHOLINK

If you have an internet connection available at your radio station, we recommend you to use the Echolink system. Its main advantage is that Echolink allows you to make radio contacts over very large distances, regardless of the propagation conditions, using even small handheld radio's.

Echolink works via computers that are connected both to the internet and to an amateur radio station. By contacting one of these, your signals can go from the airways onto the internet and vice-versa. Suppose you are at a location that does not allow you to put up antennas, or you have easy access to computers, now you have the chance to take part in JOTA simply by connecting to Echolink.

Your amateur radio operator has to register with Echolink beforehand. This takes a few days, so don't wait until the last minute to prepare your Echolink station. A detailed instruction for JOTA stations using Echolink is available on the scout.org/jota web site, together with the free software.

Validation:

Your radio amateur has to validate his call sign with Echolink so his license can be checked. This can now be easily done on-line and takes only a few days to return the validation to you. But don't wait till the last moment to prepare your Echolink station. Validate with Echolink before 1st October if you intend to use it for JOTA.

To validate your station visit <http://www.echolink.org/validation>

Set-up:

Special-event call signs can be used on Echolink, but not to register; instead you must use the call sign of the 1st operator. The software, however, allows you to set a station descriptor; JOTA stations are asked to put in their station descriptor "JOTA: your call sign", so they can easily be recognized on the system. A detailed instruction for JOTA stations is available on this site under ECHOLINK.

Scouts Australia recommends the use of Echolink as a means of providing youth members with an efficient and positive JOTA experience on demand. Echolink is a free download from <http://www.echolink.org>

The Aim

The aim of Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet is to bring Scouts together wherever they are, foster communication between them, stimulate the free exchange of ideas, contribute to mutual confidence and respect, and create new friendships. 'JOTA' is not a contest.

Ref to more information on our web site www.tas.scouts.com.au

OPERATING TIMES

You may participate in JOTA-JOTI at the direction of your Scout Group for all or part of the weekend from Saturday 00.00hrs to Sunday 24.00hrs, local time. Be aware that there is little activity until after midday Saturday by which time JOTA –JOTI activity has started in a number of other countries.

Of course, actual starting and finishing times are subject to local arrangements.

JOTA/JOTI BADGE PRICES -

JOTA/JOTI badges should be available to present on the day if they have been preordered via PC Radio and Electronics. If we know you will be attending a station we should be able to have the badges available there for your group. A survey was sent to group leaders to obtain this information.

This year's JOTA/JOTI Badges will be \$2.00 each. Cheques should be made payable to the Scout Association (TREAT). Group, Postal Notes or Bank Cheques only. **Please Do Not Send Cash**, or if applicable, use 'Electronic Transfer Banking'.

Please complete the 61st Jota - 22nd JOTA/JOTI Participation Report and Badge Order Form, either e-mail or post (which ever one is applicable) it to the – *PC Radio and Electronics ,Peter Dodd, PO Box 52 Evandale 7212*, by the **30th November 2018**.

If you need more badges, the above form can be used.

YOUR REPORT

You now have one of two choices in filling out your report:-

The first form is basically the same as the old one, but it can be completed electronically, print and post with your payment.

The second is also completed electronically, but has the added features of 'Electronic Transfer Banking' and e-mail. With the electronic facility, don't forget to include your banking reference so it can be matched up with TREAT's banking statement. Banking details:- MyState Credit Union: BSB# 807-009; Account # 51326462 (Scout Association TREAT). Before e-mailing, please put my e-mail address in your address book (dodd.pc@bigpond.com), then open the form and complete, after completion click the 'Send by E-mail' and follow the prompts. Don't forget to open your e-mail system before sending, otherwise it will sit in your e-mail system. Both the electronic versions do the calculations for you and have drop down boxes. These forms both can be printed and saved.

Your Report will be used to produce the Branch and National Reports. The National JOTA Report including your yarns, photographs, newspaper articles etc will be sent to the World Scout Bureau (These must reach me by the end of November). Return of items may not be possible. A copy of your Log Sheets with your Participation Report would be most appreciated. There is no need to rewrite them, as a photocopy of your working log would be fine. Please give much information in your report, do not tick boxes, because that information is regarded as NIL and will be shown as **NOT STATED**.

I do ask that all Groups / Sections to complete their own '*Participation Report and Badge Order Form*', with the Call Sign used (VK7....) and the Station Location, also the **number of contacts**. (Tasmania; Australian States and Overseas), and 'We participated in' (JOTA: JOTI: JOTA/JOTI)

As a suggestion it may be best to appoint a Scouter, or non - uniformed adult to mark of the number of participants as they arrive and to keep your Log Sheet. This will considerably relieve pressure from your Radio Operators, and you do want them back again next year, don't you!

FINDING AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

For assistance in finding an Amateur Radio Operator contact:

- your local Amateur Radio Club (Yellow pages – Clubs – Social and General))
- or, the Wireless Institute of Australia <http://www.wia.org.au> in your State or Territory.

The 'J' Code

The J code is a tool that enables a very basic conversation in those cases where there is no common language between the youngsters. The J – Code is simply a set of abbreviations similar to the Q – Code used by radio amateurs. Both Codes are available through our JOTA / JOTI web site (www.tas.scouts.com.au). It is NOT a code intended to hide the contents of the transmissions, quite the opposite, it is intended to enable communication. As such it can be used over amateur radio and in internet chat contacts.

INTERNET SAFETY

Children should be supervised by adults while using the Internet. Teach young people about the importance of **not** disclosing identifying information, especially where they live, phone numbers, email address etc. Scouts can use nicknames on the internet.

It's OK to say things like "My name is Matthew (or use the nickname) and I go to Scouts at New Norfolk in Tasmania, Australia", but NOT - "Hello my name is Harry Smith and I live at 13a Down St., New Norfolk, Tasmania", (*for an example.*)

The Internet chatrooms are provided by Scout Link, and are supervised. Sometimes, however, someone misbehaves, or says something in a private message that wasn't appropriate. The chatroom supervisors are identifiable by the "@" in front of their nick (nickname). They can deal with the problem. Just tell them what happened. Ask a leader or other adult at your activity or help you to do this.

SUPERVISION

JOTA - Leaders must closely supervise youth members on air. Stations operate under the licence of the Amateur Operator who must control the radios at all times to ensure that poor or illegal operating, which may cause **loss of the**

Operator's licence, does not occur.

Scouts Australia values the support provided by Amateur Radio Operators in assisting youth to participate in this International Scouting event. Your Scout Group / Section you should give full support in the manner of setting up, packing up, transporting equipment, refreshments, and acknowledgement. Your Scout Group / Section **must** **times provide an Adult Leader** to supervise and assist youth participating in your station.

BADGE PLACEMENT ON UNIFORM

The badge is worn at the bottom of the **Right Sleeve**.

Members in Tasmania who participate in JOTA/JOTI are allowed to wear the JOTA/JOTI badge on their uniform (other than Joey Scouts), normally only 3 months, but the Tasmanian Chief Commissioner has given permission for members to leave the current badge on for 12 months after the JOTA/JOTI weekend.

Requirements:

1. Participate in JOTA/JOTI
2. Make contact with a Scout or Guide from another part of Australia or Overseas, either on Amateur Radio or Internet.

JOTA/JOTI Badges are not available from Adventure Gear or Scout Shops.

Have a good 2018 JOTA / JOTI.

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