

Netiquette Guidelines for participating in Jamboree On The Internet

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As Scouts, we live our lives according to a code of behaviour. This code is expressed in the Scout Law, Promise and Motto. When applied to the internet, this code can be referred to as NETIQUETTE.

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 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 have the KISS principle in mind - **Keep It Simple Stupid**
- ◆ 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 sex, 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. Many problems can be avoided by keeping this in mind.
- ◆ **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 waves 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!

Youth Members - confused on anything mentioned in Netiquette? Ask your Leader if you are unsure on anything!

Leaders - confused on anything? Please contact your local JOTA-JOTI co-ordinator via your DC.

This is a condensed version of the Netiquette Guidelines for JOTI. Full editions are available from the official JOTI web site - www.joti.org and go to "Rules" section.

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