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The World Scout Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI) 18-19 October 2003

Following the very successful JOTI held last year, I am pleased to announce that it will be held again this year, 18-19 October.

In November 1996 the World Scout Committee, noting that Scouting already had a considerable presence on the Internet, and that there was already an informal and rapidly growing World Scout Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI), decided that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event, and that it should be held on the same weekend as the Jamboree-On-the-Air.

Therefore, the World Scout Jamboree-On-The Internet is to be held on the third full weekend of October each year, starting at 00.00 hours local time on the Saturday and concluding 48 hours later at 24:00hours local time on the Sunday.

The World JOTI Advisor is now Mr. Holger "Holgi" Sickenberg from Germany, who can be reached at <mailto:joti@world.scout.org> The main web pages for JOTI continue to be provided by a team, most of whom are based in Germany and we thank Holger "Holgi" Sickenberg, Florian "Theo" Mueller, Stefan "Daim" Melcher and Wolfgang "Woho" Hottgenroth for their leadership, and thank many others who contribute information and translations to this site, and who provide other sites and services for JOTI.

May I point out some of the services, and safe-guards, which are being provided at <http://www.scout.org/joti>

a. Technical information; rules of participation; tutorial material, access to software, and more much of it in nine languages. Every effort is made to help leaders and young people learn about the Internet and how to use it safely.

b. Chatting. This is by far the most popular activity in JOTI. It is the opportunity to communicate worldwide, in real-time, on as many as 50 different channels in many languages. This service is provided by ScoutLink on channels which are exclusively for Scouting.

Operators are monitoring these channels constantly to ensure that conversations are not inappropriate, and most of all, follow rules for protection of children, such as not allowing the communication of personal email addresses, home addresses, telephone numbers, etc. People who do not comply are asked to do so, or if necessary are blocked from the channel.

c. Contact list: Scouts and Scout groups may leave a message here to say they are looking to make contact with others. They are encouraged to use nicknames and special JOTI email address (below). The city, country, region, and Scouting branch can be entered to aid others in searching

for contacts, but physical addresses and ages, for example, are not allowed. (All entries are monitored, and removed if inappropriate.)

Those who join the contact list receive a welcome message, which helps to verify the address.

All email addresses in this contact list are removed after JOTI. The data collected is not retained, or used in any other way.

d. Special JOTI email addresses: A very important service is the ability for any participant to obtain a temporary email address, at no cost, for use during JOTI. The process is quick and automatic. These addresses are available a few days before JOTI and are cancelled soon after JOTI.

e. Guest book: JOTI participants are invited to add their greetings to the guestbook.

f. Participation certificates: Individuals and groups may request to receive a personalized, colour, participation certificate. They will receive a special address on the Internet where the certificate can be viewed, downloaded and printed.

g. Servers worldwide: the JOTI team organizes a series of 5-10 Internet servers around the world to mirror (duplicate) the main JOTI pages and services. This is essential to provide quick Internet access for so many Scouts from so many parts of the world. This service is provided only during JOTI. (This is independent of the ScoutLink network for chatting channels.)

h. Contact verification/greetings: Individuals and groups can send and receive an electronic card showing that they had contact (via email or while chatting) with a specific individual/nickname or group in a particular country.

i. Mailing list: this is to be used by all national JOTI organisers to coordinate their work. National organisations should check if their organisers are subscribed to it. If not (sure) they should name their organiser and it's address to <mailto:joti@world.scout.org>

j. JOTI NetMeeting directory server: this will be available soon. All participants who want to use NetMeeting/GnomeMeeting for videoconferences can use that directory server to find partners. Further information at <http://www.joti.org>

k. JOTI voice chat server: Participants can - by using the software TeamSpeak - directly talk to a number of other Scouts using a microphone and the computer's soundcard. Detailed information can be found on <http://www.joti.org>

In conclusion, I must emphasize the importance of National Scout Organizations to appoint someone who is responsible for JOTI. Thus far about 50 organizations have provided us, on their official census forms, with the name of their JOTI organizer. We are, for the first time, making email contact with these people, and hope to build more of a worldwide network of communications with this group. If you have not named an organizer, please do so quickly and communicate it to us.

As from September 1 you will find the latest information at: <http://www.scout.org/joti> This information will be constantly updated until the JOTI weekend in October.

Sincerely yours,



Jacques Moreillon
Secretary General