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WORLD SCOUT BUREAU – AFRICA SUPPORT CENTRE JOTA/JOTI 2015 PARTICIPATION GUIDE

What is JOTA/JOTI?

Jamboree On The Air – Jamboree On The Internet (JOTA-JOTI) is an official international event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). JOTA-JOTI is a youth programme event intended for young people in Scouting of all ages.

Scouts from all over the world communicate over the Air (amateur radio) and the Internet using any technology locally available. There are lots of different ways to communicate, including text-based chat, voice chat, video chat, emails, blogs, and social media networks.

The purpose of JOTA-JOTI is to enable and encourage Scouts around the world to communicate with one another by means of amateur radio and the internet, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement.

When is JOTA/JOTI?

JOTA/JOTI usually takes place in the the 3rd weekend in October. **This year's** JOTA-JOTI 2015 will take place over the weekend **16th to 18th October**. It is for each JOTA-JOTI location to decide when during the weekend they will be operational.

How Can You Get Involved?

Thousands of Scouts & Guides come to ScoutLink every year during JOTI. They come from different countries, scout groups, ages, nationalities, and cultures. This is a great opportunity to swap experiences, make new friends, and to learn more about Scouting & Guiding all around the world.

To get involved is very simple – just choose one of the options below:

- [Webchat](#), for simple and easy text chat (<http://www.scoutlink.net/connect/webchat/>)
- [TeamSpeak](#), for voice chat (www.scoutlink.net/voice)

As an optional extra, you can register on the JOTA-JOTI portal provided by WOSM, found here (<http://jotajoti.info/sign-up-for-jota-joti/>). This isn't necessary to take part in JOTI, but it will give you a Jamboree IDentity (or JID). This is a special code which is used in a number of games and activities and can be swapped with other users as a way of logging how many people you've talked to. The WOSM website also has activity packs that you could incorporate into your JOTI event.

AFRICA SCOUT REGION ON JOTI

The World Scout Bureau – Africa Support Centre will be hosting an event on Saturday 17th October 2015 between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm (East African Time) and has set up channels on Scoutlink. You can connect with us on

Webchat Channel: **#africa**

Webchat Nickname: **WSB-Africa**

TeamSpeak ID:

We will also have a chatroom on the new U-Report App: **JOTA/JOTI**

TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR JOTA/JOTI EVENT

Getting to know about JOTA/JOTI

- Look at the rules.
- Get a feel for the webchat and how to do simple things (like change channel) so that you can help your group if they have issues.
- Ask any questions. Our Help Team is much less busy pre-JOTI so if you have the opportunity to ask questions about anything you don't understand before the day, please use it!

Planning Your Event

- Make sure you've planned what is going to happen. Don't expect to be able to sit your group in front of a computer for 3 hours without providing them with activities and focus.
- Think about where you're hosting the event. How many computers does it have? How big is your group? We recommend that 1-2 people use a computer at once.
- It's helpful to have a series of bases each with a different activity. Groups can rotate around each activity so that they get chance to do a lot of different activities in more manageable groups.
- Taking part in JOTI could help your young people achieve badges for the following things:
 - International/Global
 - Communicator
 - IT/Digital Citizen
 - World issues
 - Electronics
- Have a look at our activity packs (coming soon) and see what tasks you can set your group to do while on the computer. The more activities you give them, the more engaged they will be.
- Here are some ideas of other activities your group could do that don't require a computer:
 - Contact an amateur radio club, and ask them to help you to take part in JOTA by talking on the radio to Scouts & Guides around the world
 - Play wide games or treasure hunts outside
 - Learn about morse code, semaphore, and other ways to communicate. You could borrow (or make!) a morse code machine, or make up your own secret language.
 - Learn about global issues. You could make water filters out of plastic bottles, investigate ways of making electricity, or plan your own response to a humanitarian disaster.
 - You could think about prizes for the young person who speaks with the most nationalities, or for people who successfully talk to a user in a different language.
 - ScoutLink will be running various competitions over JOTI. We'll release details closer to the time.

During

- Make sure your group is entertained. Bored groups end up making trouble because they don't have anything else to do. If your group is getting bored, throw in an extra game outside or introduce a backup activity.
- Younger age groups (particularly Cubs and younger) may struggle when typing online. They might need you to explain things that people are saying, particularly if they're talking to someone from a different country!
- You may need to guide your young people with conversation prompts. They could ask...
 - Where are you from?
 - How old are you?
 - Are you a Scout or a Guide?
 - How do you say 'Be Prepared' in your language?
 - What colour is your neckerchief?
 - What does your country's flag look like?
 - What is your favourite thing about being a Scout or Guide?
 - When did you last go camping?
 - What badges have you achieved?
 - What hobbies do you have?

- If you encounter any issues with other users breaking rules, make sure you tell an operator. JOTI is a very busy time for us, and some things may slip past our notice. You will always find operators available in the #help channel.
- Make sure you tweet us @ScoutLink with what you're doing over the course of the JOTI weekend!

After

- Think about what went well and what could be improved upon next year. ScoutLink will have a feedback process which will be advertised after JOTI – your comments are really important to us and help us make JOTI better year after year.
- If you've done something particularly exciting or unique for JOTI, consider contacting your local press. It's great publicity both for your group, and for scouting generally!
- If anybody has helped you run JOTI (e.g. loaned computers, ran activities for you) make sure you thank them!

JOTA/JOTI CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES

A series of challenges and activities to complete during JOTA-JOTI are on the official JOTA-JOTI website. You can find them through the following links:

Activities

1. Scout.theGoals.org: <http://jotajoti.info/scout-goals/>
2. Morse Code Machine: <http://jotajoti.info/morse-code/>
3. Games: <http://jotajoti.info/games/>
4. The Earthquake: <http://jotajoti.info/the-earthquake/>
5. The Lab: <http://jotajoti.info/the-lab/>
6. Scouts Exploring the World: <http://jotajoti.info/scouts-exploring-the-world/>

Challenges

1. Bull Roarer: <http://jotajoti.info/bull-roarer/>
2. Cave Painting: <http://jotajoti.info/cave-painting/>
3. CD Signaling: <http://jotajoti.info/cd-signalling/>
4. Make a Kite: <http://jotajoti.info/make-a-kite/>
5. Mood Texting: <http://jotajoti.info/mood-texting/>
6. Walkie Talkies: <http://jotajoti.info/walkie-talkies/>
7. Wobble Bots: <http://jotajoti.info/wobble-bots/>
8. Your Space Ship: <http://jotajoti.info/jota-joti-challenges/your-space-ship/>
9. Show Your Video: <http://jotajoti.info/jota-joti-challenges/your-space-ship/>
10. SMS Text Art: <http://jotajoti.info/sms-text-art/>
11. Your Own Flash MOP: <http://jotajoti.info/your-own-flash-mop/>
12. Make Your Goldberg Machine: <http://jotajoti.info/make-your-goldberg-machine/>
13. Stomp Dancing: <http://jotajoti.info/stomp-dancing/>
14. Sing Your National Anthem: <http://jotajoti.info/sing-your-national-anthem/>
15. Fun Finger Art: <http://jotajoti.info/fun-finger-art/>
16. Free Style: <http://jotajoti.info/free-style/>
17. Get JOTA Online: <http://jotajoti.info/get-jota-on-line/>

Feel free to create your own activities and challenges. Just ensure you have fun and share with others.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE



Use of Facebook: The World JOTA-JOTI Team uses the official event Facebook page as one of their communication channels, directly accessible for all JOTA-JOTI participants. The page is at <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutingintheAfricaRegion>. The Facebook page can also be used to upload pictures etc that you want to share. Please use the hashtag [#jotajoti](#) to help monitor the content.



Twitter

The official Twitter account is [@ScoutingAfrica](#). If you're Tweeting about your JOTA-JOTI plans or activities then please use the hashtag [#jotajoti](#) to help monitor the content.



YouTube

We have our own [YouTube channel](#). You are welcome to share with us videos from planning your JOTA-JOTI weekend or of your activities during JOTA-JOTI.

Please make sure that you supervise your Scouts at all times when using these media. WOSM and [Scoutlink](#) are monitoring these channels and the official Facebook page, but no others during the weekend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Feeling curious or need more JOTA/JOTI information? Check out the website: <http://www.world-jotajoti.info/> or <http://www.scout.org/jotajoti2015>. You can also email the JOTA/JOTI help team at help@scoutlink.net or Nelson at nopany@scout.org

Happy Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet!