13 May 2011

7th Asia-Pacific Regional Air/Internet Jamboree

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Manila!

The Asia-Pacific Region of WOSM is pleased to introduce the 7th Asia Pacific Regional Air-Internet Jamboree. The General Association of the Scouts of China will host this event on 6-7 August 2011.

The Air-Internet Jamboree is a regional event that was established in 2004 in which Scouts can contact each other by means of amateur radio and through the Internet. Having a live conversation with a fellow Scout in some other place in the world gives the same excitement like having a normal Jamboree on the land minus the normal expenses. Just like the normal Jamboree, the Air-Internet Jamboree is also an event during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared. It’s a great and unique opportunity for Scouts of all age ranges to communicate with each other as if they are nearby when in actual fact they are all in their own countries. Indeed, Radio Scouting eliminates the distances and fosters a closer relationship of the worldwide Scouting movement.

Attached is the programme guideline for your information and necessary preparations.

All NSOs of the region are requested to circulate this information widely to all units in their country so that young people have the opportunity to take part in this event.

We look forward to meeting you during the Air-Internet Jamboree!

We invite and welcome all the NSOs to participate in the event with full enthusiasm.

Yours in Scouting,

Abdullah Rasheed
Regional Director
7th Asia-Pacific Regional Air/Internet Jamboree

Programme Guidelines

APR Air/Internet Coordinator
National Scout Organizations (NSOs) are requested to appoint a Coordinator for this APR Air/Internet Jamboree, preferably the person-in-charge of information communication technology, who will be the focal contact person of the Jamboree organizers and the WSB-APR office.

Once you have named the Coordinator, kindly send his/her name and contact details to the secretariat at scouts@scout.org.tw or the event coordinator Mr. Chang, Wen-Shing at officescout@gmail.com with a copy to APR Office.

Help and Information for the Participating Units
The units may participate for all, or any part of, the 48 hours of the weekend 6-7 August 2011 from 00:01 am Saturday morning until 23:59 pm Sunday night local time. From 30 May 2011, you will find the latest information at http://www.scout.org.tw. This site will also have a link from http://www.scout.org/asia-pacific

The information will be constantly updated until the first weekend of August and will offer:
- This year’s Air-Internet Jamboree logo in high-resolution for your illustrations;
- The Air-Internet Jamboree fact sheet;
- Latest information, Games and tips; and
- The contact address of Asia Pacific National Amateur Radio Organizations.

How to take part
Taking part in the APRAJ requires the help of a licensed amateur-radio operator. Such a person can easily be found via the national amateur radio organization in your country. Such organizations exist in most countries. Many radio amateurs throughout the world are keen to demonstrate their hobby and assist with Radio Scouting activities such as APRAJ.

How to proceed
a) Visit an amateur-radio station with your Scout group or invite a radio amateur to install his station in your Scout building;
b) Call “CQ Jamboree” or answer Scout stations calling to establish a contact;
c) All radio stations must observe their national amateur-radio regulations;
d) Any authorized radio frequency may be used.
e) Stations should change to another frequency after establishing communication on the announced calling frequency.

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EchoLink
EchoLink is a system that connects Amateur Radio stations to each other via the internet. In fact, you do not need any amateur radio equipment to make a contact with radio stations throughout the world. You will require a PC with a soundcard, speakers and a microphone. Your voice is carried over the internet to another Amateur Radio station which is also connected to the internet and may or may not be using radio. Your amateur radio is required to register with EchoLink, a process that
takes a few days, so register early. To be sure, register with Echolink before 1 July 2011 and then try it out before the Air-Internet Jamboree. To download and register your copy of Echolink, visit www.echolink.org

e-QSL
It is a custom amongst radio amateurs to confirm each radio contact by exchanging QSL cards: a short report with technical details of the equipment that was used and details of the received signals. There is now a system available on the internet, where you can upload your QSL card in an electronic format. The other station can immediately collect their QSL card.

Use during the Air Jamboree: With the advice of your amateur radio operator design an attractive QSL card. Scouts can have the responsibility of sending and receiving QSL cards. One PC dedicated to this function could be your "QSL post office". A color printer attached to it, and you're ready to receive your cards. Registration and information at www.eqsl.cc

The J-Code
The J-Code was introduced for the world-wide Jamboree on the Air, and is a tool to enable conversation where stations do not share a common language. The J-Code was used during JOTA by 40% of all participating countries. The J-code is a set of abbreviations similar to the Q-Code used by radio amateurs. 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. List of the J-Code will be available on the http://www.scout.org.tw by 30 May 2011.

BP100S, BV10S & BV28APR
The General Association of the Scouts of China will host the 28th APR cum Scouts of China Centenary & 10th National Jamboree on 11-17 July 2011 to celebrate its 100 years of Scouting. A Jamboree Radio Station will be setup and it will operate the call signs of BP100S, BV10S and BV28APR during the period of the 28th APR Jamboree and also the APR Air/Internet Jamboree on 6-7 August 2011.

The Asia-Pacific Internet Jamboree (APRIJ)
We have prepared guidelines for young people who wish to join the event. Details will be available at http://www.scout.org.tw by 30 May 2011 and will have a link from http://www.scout.org/asia-pacific

a) Activities in the Asia-Pacific Internet Jamboree:
- Chatting
  - IRC – ScoutLink
  - Yahoo Messenger
  - Skype
  - GoogleTalk
- Browsing
- Email
- Facebook

b) Technical information; rules of participation; tutorial material, access to software, and more. Leaders and young people are encouraged to learn about the Internet and how to use it safely.

c) Chatting: The most popular activity in the Internet Jamboree. It is the opportunity to communicate worldwide, in real-time, on a number of languages. This service will be provided by ScoutLink www.scoutlink.net on supervised channels which are exclusively for Scouting.

d) To chat on ScoutLink, you require mIRC software. This software is free for 30 days, after which you need to register (with no fee). Once you have the software loaded, you can log onto the ScoutLink channels for the Air-Internet Jamboree. You can download a mIRC user guide from http://www.scout.org.tw by 30 May 2011.
e) Why not browse the various Scouting websites from the Asia-Pacific Region? You can see what languages they speak, the uniforms they wear and what activities they participate in.

f) Voice chatting over the internet is an exciting activity. TeamSpeak is the software that allows you to chat with microphone and computer’s soundcard to other Scouts over the internet. Visit www.goteamspeak.com to download the software to view a user guide.

g) Guestbook: Asia-Pacific Internet Jamboree participants are invited to add their greetings to the guestbook at APR Internet Jamboree webpage on http://www.scout.org.tw

h) Registration: Participants can register them for joining the Jamboree. Form will be available at http://www.scout.org.tw by 30 May 2011. Participants who complete the registration will be able to input his/her name and print his/her own certificate of participation to 7th APR Air/Internet Jamboree during the event dates, 6-7 August.

i) Facebook: A special Facebook page for 7th APR Air/Internet Jamboree will be created on line in order to promote this event. Fun activities and latest updates will be announced at this Facebook page. Come and visit on Facebook and keep you informed about the latest developments!

National Air-Internet Jamboree Stories
With your help, the World Scout Bureau APR can compile an overview of the Air Jamboree weekend and make it available to all participants. Of course, the information has to come from the participating Scout groups in your country so you may wish to ask them to prepare a report. Units are encouraged to submit ideas, suggestions and photos of their Air-Internet Jamboree activity to their International Commissioner, who will pass the details to the World Scout Bureau APR office.