

54rd Annual Jamboree on the Air

October 15 - 16, 2011 (noon to noon)
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
Victorville, California



What is JOTA?

When Scouts want to meet young people from another country, they usually think of attending a World Jamboree. But few people realize that each year more than 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home.

JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.

With no restrictions on age or on the number of participants, and at little or no expense, JOTA allows Scouts to contact each other by ham radio. 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 through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs.

Sponsors

Our local JOTA event is sponsored by the Victor Valley Amateur Radio Club (K6QWR), in cooperation with the Inland Empire Council - High Desert District BSA. JOTA is also supported by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

Events

- Get on the Air - make radio contacts with scouts around the world
- Amateur radio satellite communication
- CW (Morse Code) challenge
- T-Hunt (radio direction finding)
- Radio & electronics displays
- GPS & geocaching challenge
- Work on your Radio and Electronics Merit Badges

Information for Overnight Campers

- Pre-registration required: \$15 Registration Fee, includes 2011 JOTA patch (\$20 after October 8, 2011)
- Please check in by noon Saturday and plan to leave around noon Sunday.
- All units must present a copy of their approved Tour Permit at check-in.
- Groups must have minimum 2-deep adult supervision. (BSA must have proof of Youth Protection Certification)
- No open fires

Walk-in Visitors

- Walk-ins - \$5 (no patch) or \$10 with patch
- Tigers, Cubs, & Brownies must be accompanied by their parent.

For more information

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