

Your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship Can Participate in World Scouting's

JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET (JOTI)

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World Scouting's Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) was introduced in November 1996 as a companion event to the Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Both events are held every year on the 3rd weekend of October, October 18 to 20 in 2024, and October 17 to 19 in 2025. In the **Jamboree on the Air**, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts around the world communicate with each other on amateur radio. In the **Jamboree on the Internet**, they communicate with each other and do activities together on the Internet. There is no charge to participate in either JOTA or JOTI. Individual MCC dens, packs, troops, crews and ships, groups of units in the same community or with the same chartered partner, and districts are encouraged to plan and organize Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) events. These events are often held on the Saturday morning or afternoon or the Sunday afternoon of JOTA/-JOTI weekend and are great recruiting opportunities. Many JOTI activities from last year are back, and there are also other opportunities that are new this year such as:

Looking to connect with fellow Scouts around the globe?

Here are three ways to meet and engage with other participants during JOTA-JOTI:

- **Scout Group Directory:** Search by name or country to find registered Scout groups. The directory provides details like group name, NSO, location, and contact information.
- **Chatrooms:** Join moderated chat rooms to talk with Scouts worldwide. Connect over various topics through Rocket.Chat or ScoutLink.
- **Group Video Calls:** Experience virtual meetings with Scout groups globally, sharing adventures and exploring different Scouting cultures.

This document focuses on planning, organizing, and running Jamboree on the Internet events. For the most recent version of this document and its companion Jamboree-on the-Air document, go to <https://michiganscouting.org/international-scouting/#scoutingopportunities> and scroll down..

World Scouting's JOTA/JOTI website at <https://www.jotajoti.info/> will give you a good idea of what the 2024 JOTI will be like.

1. Go to <https://www.jotajoti.info/>
2. Scroll down to **Discover All Activities**. Then, below that, click on **Explore the Map**.
3. You will reach the **JOTA-JOTI Campsite**, a map with different features, each one with a pink symbol with a hole in its center above it. Each of those is a link to a JOTA/JOTI program area

a. Click on the tents or the symbol above them and you will reach the "International Campfire." Read what it says there, then click on the X after the words "International Campfire" and scroll down to return to the Campsite.

b. Click on the Ferris Wheel and reach the "Fun Zone" with its explanation. Then close it and scroll down.

c. Click on the vertical cell phone and reach "Chat Room" with the opportunity to chat with Scouts from other countries on many different topics.. Then close it.

d. Click on all the other program area symbols to see the great variety of programs that are available.

5. Next, click on "Be Safe" at the top for JOTA/JOTI youth protection rules. For anyone who registers and participates as an individual, those rules include these age guidelines: "Participants must be 13 years or older to sign-up for JOTA-JOTI. To ensure everyone's safety and well-being, all participants between the ages of 13 and 18 are expected to inform and involve a parent or guardian in their JOTA-JOTI experience, including reviewing this page together. The adults involved are responsible for supervising children's online activities. A parent or guardian can register on behalf of a child younger than 13 years old and is asked to participate with them for the duration of the event."

BSA youth protection policies must be followed at all times during JOTI events.

Selecting a location for a Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) event - You will want to find a central location with good Wi-Fi, perhaps a meeting room at a public library or chartered partner, and arrange for enough laptops for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts to use in groups of 2 or 3. Make sure to reserve the location well before the event. If people bring laptops with hot spots, that will lessen the need for Wi-Fi.

USA JOTI information is at <https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/joti/>. To reach two useful JOTI links, click the dropdown symbol next to "Jamboree-on-the-Internet" on the left. Click on "Leader Guidelines" and read it carefully. Then, when you click on "Quick-Start Guides" the main screen has a "Before JOTI Weekend" section and a "During JOTI Weekend" section. As soon as your unit decides to participate in JOTI, one or more of your adult leaders should complete the steps in the "Before JOTI weekend" section and use the During JOTI Weekend" section in your planning.

Registering for JOTI 2024 - As of March 18, JOTI 2024 registration is not yet open. Once registration opens and a pack, troop, crew, or ship decides that they want to participate in JOTI, its adult leaders should register following the steps below and then guide its members in registering.

1. Go to the top right corner of <https://www.jotajoti.info/> and click on "Sign Up/Log in."
2. It will ask you to log into your World Scouting scout.org account. If you do not have a scout.org account, click on "REGISTER" to create a scout.org account, then log in.
3. As part of the registration process, you will reach the question "Are you joining JOTA-JOTI with a group? Please continue to the group registration below to add your group to the group directory (only for group leaders)." One of your leaders should be designated to add your group to the group directory.
4. After you click on "Done," the "Sign Up/Log in" box in the upper right corner will say "Hi" and your name and will have a dropdown with several different options. You can return to that website to log in. You will also receive a "Welcome to JOTA/JOTI email message.

Purchasing BSA JOTA/JOTI patches - Every year, BSA produces JOTA/JOTI patches that can be presented to that year's JOTA/JOTI participants. Michigan Crossroads Council units will be able to order JOTA/JOTI 2024 patches from the online MCC Scout Shop when they become available. It might also be possible to purchase JOTA/JOTI 2024 patches at the Eagle, Michigan, Scout Shop, but you should check ahead to make sure they have the patches in stock. In past years, National Supply has run out of JOTA/JOTI patches, so make sure you get your order in in plenty of time. Units from other councils should go to your council's Scout Shop or to the JOTA/JOTI 2024 listing on the National Scout Shop after it appears.

Questions? - If you have any questions, contact the Michigan Crossroads Council International Committee at international@michiganscouting.org

Feedback? - The Michigan Crossroads Council International Committee would be delighted to receive a report on your JOTI experience. Please send an email message, with photos if you have them, to international@michiganscouting.org