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Youngsters On The Air



## Invitation to the world's largest annual youth event.

### JOTA-JOTI

Two million young people from around the world are expected to take part in this year's Jamboree-On-The-Air-Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTA-JOTI), the world's biggest Scouting event.

During JOTA-JOTI, which takes place this year from 19-21 October. Scouts and Guides will encounter numerous different languages and cultures in a worldwide learning experience that lasts all day and well into the night.

JOTA-JOTI is designed to make participants feel that they are truly part of a global Movement. Whatever their age, religion, colour, ability, or disability, everyone can join the annual travel-free Jamboree wherever they are in the world. JOTA-JOTI is always held on the third weekend of October.

Scouts use amateur radio and the Internet, to connect with each other over the JOTA-JOTI weekend. The initiative helps to promote cultural awareness, develop tolerance, and enhance sharing, collaboration and teamwork.

Some 20,000 licensed amateur radio operators put 12,000 radio stations on the air with state-of-the-art technology. This offers an excellent opportunity for young radio amateurs to inspire young Scouts with the charms of radio techniques. And for Scouts to share their world with radio amateurs of (nearly) their own age.

This could lead to follow-up activities during the Youngster month in December and field days e.g.

### SSTV badges

One of the main activities for Scouts in this year's JOTA is to exchange badges (as electronic pictures) via SSTV. With the target to let them experience a different technique combined with a well-known Scout activity to swap badges. SSTV has become so much more accessible with a laptop or smartphone and some software, combining the radio and the digital world. It is in particular for this activity that young amateur radio operators can play an important role in making the connections and discovering the possibilities of SSTV.

### Join in

We invite all young amateur radio operators to get in touch with the nearest Scout group and join in the JOTA-JOTI. Likewise, we invite all local Scout group leaders to contact the amateur radio clubs in their region to ask for support by young amateurs for their JOTA-JOTI event.

To assist with finding a Scout group, radio operators may contact the National JOTA-JOTI Coordinator in their country. Email addresses are available at:

<https://www.jotajoti.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/NJC-2018-4.pdf>

To assist with finding young radio amateurs, Scout groups leaders may contact the youth coordinator of your IARU member society:

Region 1 (Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and northern Asia):

<https://iaru-r1.org/index.php/youth-coordinators>

Region 2 (Americas):

Gustavo de Faria PT2ADM [pt2adm@pobox.com](mailto:pt2adm@pobox.com)

Region 3 (Australia, South-East Asia, Pacific Islands):

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### **About the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)**

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is an organization consisting of over 160 national amateur radio societies around the world. Created in Paris, France, the International Amateur Radio Union has been the watchdog and spokesman for the world Amateur Radio community since 1925. The IARU Constitution, last amended in 1989, organizes the Union into three Regional Organizations that correspond to the three radio regions of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The IARU represents the interests of the Amateur Radio Service worldwide to relevant international organizations, promoting the interests of amateur radio and seeking to protect and enhance its spectrum privileges. IARU is working for the future of amateur radio.

### **Youngsters On The Air (YOTA)**

YOTA is an initiative of the Youth Working group of IARU Region 1. The program is focussing on bringing young radio amateurs together in events and on the air. YOTA is encouraging young radio amateurs to organize youth amateur radio events and to develop youth programs connected to amateur radio. Aim is to invite newcomers to the beautiful hobby and to show amateur radio to the world. Youngsters On The Air started in 2011 with an international youth summer camp and over the last years it developed to a program with activities spread over the entire year, on local, national and international level. Think about a yearly summer event with more than 30 international teams taking part, a sub-regional YOTA weekend or December YOTA month where many youth radio stations will become active on the air. This is just a bit of the YOTA program, it's growing year by year! Join the YOTA train!

### **About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)**

Scouting is one of the world's leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens and create positive change in their communities. Founded by Lord Baden-Powell in 1907, WOSM is a federation of 169 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 50 million Scouts in at least 224 countries and territories worldwide. The organisation is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### **For more on JOTA-JOTI:**

<http://www.world-jotajoti.info>

#### **For more on YOTA:**

<https://www.ham-yota.com>

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