



2017 Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

What: Annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, across the country and in your own community.

When: Third full weekend of October (this year it's Oct. 20-22, 2017). There are no official hours, so you have the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts. The event officially starts Friday evening during the JOTA Jump Start and runs through Sunday evening.

Who: Scouts and Venturers of any age, plus their families.

How: Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others.

Where to find help: Contact your local council. They may already have an event set up that your Scouts can attend. Otherwise, [find a local American Radio Relay League club here](#).

Learn more: Get resources, quick-start guides, patch order forms and lots more at [the JOTA website](#).

Just for fun: Check out this [archive of JOTA patches](#) through the years.

IN PERSON GROUP PARTICIPATION

If you would like to participate in a group experience on October 21st, go to the Watchung Reservation Loop area and look for Pack 47 Cubmaster Gretchen Kellaway. If you want to attend, please send her a quick email so that she knows how many to expect and if there are any changes she can contact you. pack47rahway@yahoo.com