

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

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To All the State Secretaries. State Associations of The Bharat Scouts and Guides. INDIAN UNION.

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SUB:

58TH JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR (JOTA) & 19TH JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET

(JOTI) ON17TH&18TH OCTOBER, 2015.

Theme: The Earth is Yours

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the World Organization of the Scout Movement is organizing the 58th Jamboree-On-The-Air & 19th Jamboree-On-The-Internet, which is being hosted by World Organization of the Scout Movement on 17th & 18th October 2015. Please distribute this information to all the Scout/Guides groups in your State Associations so that they may grasp the chance to take part.

WHAT IS THE JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR?

The JOTA is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. It's the shear excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout or Guide at some other place in the world that attracts so many youngsters to this event. JOTA is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared.

The use of amateur-radio techniques offers an extra educational dimension for Scouts/Guides. Many grasp the opportunity to discover the world of wireless radio techniques and electronics. Thousands of volunteer radio amateurs assist the Scouts/Guides over the JOTA weekend with their knowledge.

WHAT IS THE JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET?

Similarly to the JOTA, the Jamboree-On-The-Internet connects Scouts/Guides using Internet techniques. The JOTI is held on the same weekend as the Jamboree-On-the-Air. Units can choose to take part in either event but are warmly encouraged, where possible, to give both a try.

You will note from the detailed information provided below that we are planning some significant changes to JOTI this year. The alignment of JOTA-JOTI with our work to create a modern and dynamic new web presence for World Scouting/Guiding promises to provide an exciting virtual Jamboree experience to even more young people around the world. Please take note of the new web address for this year's events — www.world-jotajoti.info — and be sure that your JOTA-JOTI Organiser is subscribed to our mailing list in order to receive detailed updates during the coming months.

The JOTA and JOTI are worldwide events which bring together each year more than **500,000** Scouts and Guides. During the weekend, units may normally participate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00:00 hrs until Sunday 24:00 hrs local time.

The JOTA-JOTI is the only event offering to each individual Scout the experience that he or she really belongs to a worldwide Movement.

JOTA-JOTI EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Many National Scout Organizations organise specific educational activities during JOTA-JOTI for their participants. Whilst we do not want to compete with these activities we still think that there is a need to organise some activities at world level, as we have done in the past:

- > to propose some activities to all participants wherever they are coming from,
- > to provide a sense of unity and belonging to a global Movement,
- > to attract more participants to join by proposing something different every year.

The JOTA-JOTI team is developing a range of activities to complement those developed by NSOs. Activities will be structured in such a way so as to encourage Scouts/Guides to take part both individually and in their Scout/Guide patrols. There will also be a greater emphasis on encouraging participation in both JOTA and JOTI through special "dual event" challenges. Here are some examples of the exciting activities we are developing.

- Photography and movie-making challenges
- JamPuz
- TheGoals.org (Be part of this movement for a sustainable world. Join now onscout.thegoals.org)
- JOTA-JOTI talent contest
- JOTA-JOTI art gallery
- Digital camping
- "Introducing my patrol....

We will publish detailed information on all activities offered by the World JOTA-JOTI team in the weeks leading up to the events.

JOTA-JOTI REGISTRATION

Kindly register every individual participants in the URL link given here http://www.world-jotajoti.info/sign-up-for-jota-joti/ to get JIDs for all the participants for their electronic certificate to get downloaded.

NATIONAL JOTA-JOTI STORIES

The World Scout Bureau will prepare consolidated stories of JOTA/JOTI held in different parts of the world. The State level in charge of JOTA/JOTI are requested to send a brief report with one or two photos of Scout & Guides in action (at HAM Radio or Computers) to Joint Director (Guide) Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters not later than 30th October 2015.

All State Associations are requested to encourage more and more Scouts & Guides to participate in JOTA/JOTI.

For further information please visit http://jotajoti.info/ about the details of the activities and registration procedure

Thanking you and with regards.

Yours in Scouting,

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