

**Jamboree On the Air 2018
San Diego Imperial Council
Guide for Cub Scout
and
Boy Scout Leaders**



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

What: ***Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) 2018.*** Annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, across the country and in your own community. THIS IS THE 61st YEAR OF JAMBOREE ON THE AIR WITH OVER 1 MILLION SCOUTS PARTICIPATING WORLDWIDE. **WE WILL TALK TO WEBELOS AT WEBELOS WOODS AT CAMP MATAQUAY.**

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See <https://www.scouting.org/jota/>

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In parallel with ***Jamboree on the Internet JOTI.***

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<https://www.jotajoti.info/>

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Camping at Camp Balboa:

SCOUTING UNITS MAKE THEIR OWN CAMP RESERVATIONS

(<http://camping.sdicbsa.org/Balboa/Reservations.php>)

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Where: Camp Balboa, 1207 Upas St, San Diego, CA 92103 (Council HQ by the Zoo)

When: Friday, October 19 at 7 PM to Sunday, October 21 at 1030 AM. Radio operations will occur all day Saturday from 9 AM to 9 PM.

What to bring: Water, hat, sunblock, pencil. For ***JOTI*** PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP, iPhone or Android for use on provided WiFi in Atherton Hall.

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FOOD: Bring your own food or on Saturday for lunch or buy some primo tacos and burritos from the food truck from Belinda's

<https://www.belindasfamilia.com/>

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Requirements completed:

In addition to being incredibly fun, JOTA and JOTI count toward these Scouting requirements:

- For Tigers, this meets requirements for the elective adventure **Family Stories**.
- For Webelos, it counts toward the Arrow of Light adventure **Building a Better World**.

- Boy Scouts can check off a requirement for the [Citizenship in the World merit badge](#) and the [Radio merit badge](#).
- All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders can count the event toward the requirements for the [International Spirit Award](#).
- Boy Scouts can check off requirements for two camping nights (Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class).

FOR CAMPING – SCOUTING UNITS MAKE THEIR OWN CAMP RESERVATIONS
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Guidance for Cub Scout Leaders: 2 options

Option #1 JOTA and JOTI with patch

Registration - <http://sdicbsa.doubleknot.com/event/jamboree-on-the-air-2018/2418271>

Option #2 *No registration, No patch.* Just attend any time that your Cub Scout Unit wants during JOTA. No advanced registration. Just drop in any time. FAMILIES WELCOME. Get on the air and talk with other Scouts all over the world, See our cool radio gear, and *SHOW YOUR SAN DIEGO SCOUT SPIRIT.*

Guidance for Boy Scout Leaders: 3 options

Three options: #1 Radio Merit Badge with patch; #2 With patch; No Radio Merit Badge, Register in advance; #3 No patch, no registration Just drop in anytime.

#1 Radio Merit Badge with patch: Please **register** on Doubleknot. **We will have patches for Scouts that register in advance.** Note: Visiting a radio installation meets requirement 7 of the Radio Merit Badge.

Registration - <http://sdicbsa.doubleknot.com/>

Sign in for Radio Merit Badge 0900 Saturday, October 20 in front of Radio Room at Camp Balboa.

#2 Patch but no Radio Merit Badge. Just get on the air. Please register for JOTA and patch.

#3 No patch, No advanced registration. Just attend any time that your Boy Scout Unit wants to during the JOTA weekend. FAMILIES WELCOME. Get on the air and talk with other Scouts all over the world, See our cool radio gear, and *SHOW YOUR SAN DIEGO SCOUT SPIRIT.* Note: Visiting a radio installation meets requirement 7 of the Radio Merit Badge.

Radio merit badge Preparation:

- Download the Radio merit badge worksheet, print out and bring to JOTA. See <https://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/1/10/Radio.pdf>
- Radio Propagation 101
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yShIAI2kMZw>
Ham Radio Basics
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow1hxCI5J8>

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