

Jamboree On the Air 2017 San Diego Imperial Council Guide for Cub Scout and Boy Scout PARTICIPANTS



Who: Scouts and Venturers of any age, PLUS THEIR FAMILIES.

What: Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) 2017. Annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, across the country and in your own community. THIS IS THE 60TH YEAR OF JAMBOREE ON THE AIR WITH OVER 1 MILLION SCOUTS PARTICIPATING WORLDWIDE.

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

When: Friday, October 20 at 6 PM to Sunday, October 22 at 11 AM. Radio operations all day Saturday from 9 AM to 9 PM.

See: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/08/03/2017-jamboree-air-jamboree-internet-dates-set/>

What to bring: Water, hat, sunblock, pencil
AND

IF YOU ARE DOING THE RADIO MERIT BADGE

Bring your Radio merit badge worksheet HARD COPY, a pencil, and BLUE CARD signed by your Scoutmaster.

Requirements completed

In addition to being incredibly fun, JOTA and JOTI count toward 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** (<http://camping.sdicsa.org/Balboa/Reservations.php>)

Guidance for Cub Scout participants

YOUR GOAL IS TO HAVE FUN. WHAT YOU DO IS AT ATTEND JOTA AND GO TO THE DEMONSTRATION STATIONS, LEARN ABOUT RADIO AND AN ACTUAL RADIO OPERATING STATION. YOUR GOAL IS TO GET ON THE AIR AND TALK TO ANOTHER SCOUT WHO LIVES IN ANOTHER STATE OR OTHER COUNTRY.

Two options: #1 with patch and lunch; #2 no patch or lunch – just drop in and have fun. AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND, EVEN YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.

#1 *If you want a patch and lunch*, please **register** on Doubleknot. BSA National (Scoutstuff.org) sells the patches for \$4.99 each + \$2.01 for lunch *a la Costco*. We will have patches for Scouts that register in advance. Lunch is not fancy: A Costco Hot Dog with fixin's, an apple, and juice. The patch, however, is very fancy. **Registration -** <http://sdcbsa.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewActivitySpaceAvailable.aspx?orgkey=2129&activitykey=2202698>

#2 *No patch or lunch*. 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**.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS -

The Cub Scout *Arrow of Light* badge requirement, [*Building a Better World Adventure*](#), has a requirement (10.d.) where a Cub Scout may participate in Jamboree on the Air or Jamboree on the Internet on the third weekend in October.

Check here for details - <https://cubscouts.org/library/building-a-better-world/>

For youth and adult leaders, the [*International Spirit Award*](#) emblem is worn as a temporary patch centered on the right uniform pocket. The award seeks to broaden knowledge of international Scouting and increase appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. Requirement 4 for **Cub Scouts**, Boy Scouts, Varisty Scouts and Venturers is participation in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) or Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI).

Check here for details - http://www.scouting.org/filestore/international/pdf/130-044_WB.pdf

Guidance for Boy Scout Participants

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AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND, EVEN YOUR LITTLE SISTER.

See the links below

For youth and adult leaders, the [International Spirit Award](#) emblem is worn as a temporary patch centered on the right uniform pocket. The award seeks to broaden knowledge of international Scouting and increase appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. Requirement 3 for Cub Scouts, **Boy Scouts**, Varisty Scouts and Venturers is participation in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) or Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI).

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Three options: #1 with patch and lunch; #2 no patch or lunch – just drop in any time; #3 with patch, lunch AND Radio Merit Badge.

#1 *If you want a patch and lunch*, but NO Radio Merit Badge, please **register** on Doubleknot. Select option for NO merit Badge. BSA National (Scoutstuff.org) sells the patches for \$4.99 each + \$2.01 for lunch *a la Costco*. ***We will have patches for Scouts that register in advance.*** Lunch is not fancy: A Costco Hot Dog with fixin's, an apple, and juice. The patch, however, is very fancy. **Registration -**

<http://sdcbsa.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewActivitySpaceAvailable.aspx?orgkey=2129&activitykey=2202698>

#2 *No patch or lunch.* Just attend any time that your Boy Scout Unit wants during JOTA. No advanced registration. 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.

#3 *With patch, lunch AND Radio Merit Badge.* Please **register** on Doubleknot. Select option YES for merit badge. BSA National (Scoutstuff.org) sells the patches for \$4.99 each + \$2.01 for lunch *a la Costco*. ***We will have patches for Scouts that register in advance.*** Lunch is not fancy: A Costco Hot Dog with fixin's, an apple, and juice. The patch, however, is very fancy. Radio Merit Badge is free BUT REQUIRES SOME WORK IN ADVANCE. SEE BELOW. **THE START TIME** for the Radio Merit Badge is 1000 on Saturday, October 21. Scouts will be divided into three groups: 1) dit dit dit's, 2) dah dah dah's; 3) dah di dah's. Each group will have a different starting location at Camp Balboa, and will receive their assigned group when they sign in at Camp Balboa. ***Please sign in at 0900 on Saturday.***

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=Ow1hxCIR5J8>

AND

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