



Jamboree-on the Air Jamboree in the Internet JOTA-JOTI Guide

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world every year with 1,000's of JOTA stations and some 1.8 million scouts taking part. It is a fantastic opportunity to introduce scouts to STEM topics, Radio Scouting and Amateur radio.

Radio Scouting Ireland (RSI) is an amateur radio club and was set up to:

- Promote and support Amateur Radio, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities in a fun and interesting way across the scout and guiding troops of Ireland, particularly the annual global JOTA-JOTI scouting event
- Provide a focal point for amateur radio equipment donations and distribute on loan or on a permanent basis such donations to scout troops who wish to take part in amateur radio and radio scouting activities
- Contribute to IRTS, Scouting & ComReg consultations in order to help promote Radio Scouting activities in Ireland



Radio Scouting Ireland have developed some resources and are developing more resources to help licensed amateurs and scout leaders who want to give a good JOTA-JOTI or other radio scouting experience to youth. Some tips for a successful JOTA-JOTI:

- 1.) Badges! Hat scout doesn't like a badge! Scouts can be mic shy but there is nothing like the possibility of earning a badge to motivate! Jota-Joti Badges can be purchased here £1.50 <https://shop.scouts.org.uk/new-in/jota-joti-blanket-badge#selection.color=34&selection.size=719> and RSI also can help you with 1st QSO button badges €1/each



Radio Scouting Ireland – 1st QSO? Mic Shy?

When meeting new people on the radio it can feel a bit challenging sometimes to know what to say! Once you have got the other persons call sign and signal report, here are a few conversation starters for meeting new friends all around the world. Write out your name here with the Phonetic Alphabet, for example. My name is John - Juliet, Oscar, Hotel, November -Joh

Phonetic Alphabet	
A - alpha	N - november
B - bravo	O - oscar
C - charlie	P - papa
D - delta	Q - quebec
E - echo	R - roman
F - foxtrot	S - sierra
G - golf	T - tango
H - hotel	U - uniform
I - india	V - victor
J - juliet	W - whiskey
K - kilo	X - x-ray
L - lima	Y - yankee
M - mike	Z - zulu

Share some info about you:

Hello, My name is... (Name – Phonetic Spelling – Name)

I am from Country/City/town

I am. years old and I am in the scout troop

This is my 1st time using a ham radio, OVER – Over invites the other operator to speak

General Conversation Questions

- What country and city or town do you live in? OVER
- What language(s) do you speak? OVER
- What sports are popular in your country? OVER
- What is the typical dish of where you live? OVER
- What is the weather like where you live? OVER
- What is the main sport where you live? OVER
- How long have you been a radio ham? OVER

Scouting Conversation Questions

- How long have you been a scout? What is your scout troop name? OVER
- What colour is your Scout group's scarf/necktie? OVER
- What is your favourite Scouting activity? What badges do you have? OVER
- Have you done JOTA-JOTI before? OVER
- Are you on camp for JOTA-JOTI? OVER

Remember to say OVER and release the push to talk button when you are finished speaking.

When you want to finish your conversation, say "Thank you for the nice QSO, 73!"

- 2.) Other activities. Lets face it, it can be a bit boring for a group of 20 or more standing around watching an old ham rag chewing with his best mate down the road! For the best radio experience, we recommend 2-3 or less per radio and actively get them to make a QSO. Have a logging program like Log4OM online that shows them where in the world the other station is. Maybe have a map up where they can pin up their contacts. In order to achieve small groups it is necessary work with the scout leaders and encourage them to break the group up into smaller groups and have other activities/bases to occupy them while waiting to take their turn. E.g. Walkie talkie games, Semaphore, Making Tin can telephones, or other traditional scouting bases, backwoods, pioneering etc.
- 3.) Mic Shy Cheat sheet! Consider printing off a cheat sheet where the scouts can write out there their name phonetically and have some easy things to say and questions to ask.
- 4.) Consider doing an introductory presentation to help give them an understanding of the basics

For a copy of the cheat sheet or My 1st QSO graphic for order badges, a draft presentation you can edit or any other support request around JOTA-JOTI or radio scouting activities email radioscoutingireland@gmail.com