

## How to Chat with Scoutlink

Each year about half a million Scouts and Guides “get together” over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and over the Internet (JOTI). Through JOTA-JOTI every member of Scouts and Girl Guides can make friends, exchange stories, experience different cultures and have fun as part of the largest activity in world Scouting.

Modern communication technology offers Guides & Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home...

***Did you know that any Girl Guide can participate in JOTI? Register as an individual, or get your patrol together for a patrol activity.***

*Here is a step by step guide to participating:*

- The thing to do first is to register at <http://www.jotajoti.org/community/> Pick a user name. It could be "Highgate Guides" or "Dolphin Patrol" or something else suitable.
- After you have registered, you need to activate your account. Follow the instructions that will be sent to your email account.
- Next Download mIRC from <http://www.mirc.com/get.html> and install it on your computer or laptop. There are special IRC (Internet Relay Client) apps for iPad and iPhones, and other devices.

*The following instructions may vary slightly depending on the IRC program used.*

- Open mIRC. You have an evaluation copy for 30 days. Click continue (unless you want to register and pay)
- Go to "file", then "select server" This will come up with a list for servers. Click "add" on the right hand side.
  - Description: Scoutlink**
  - IRC Server: chat.scoutlink.net**
  - Port: 6667**
  - Group: Scoutlink**Then click "add"
- Go to "file", then "select server". Choose Scoutlink (could be at the bottom of the list of servers rather than in alphabetical order.) Select Scoutlink and click on "select"
- Go to "file", then "connect". This should get you in. You should see: "NickServe this nickname is registered. Please choose a different nickname or identify via **/msg NickServe identify <password>**"
- In the dialog box at the bottom write **/msg NickServe identify** and your JOTI password
- To join a channel, go to "tools", then channel list. Select a channel. The right hand column indicates how many people are on the channel To chat, type in the dialog box at the bottom of the page
- To disconnect, go to "Commands" then "Quit IRC"

If you need assistance, contact Wendy [international@girlguidessa.org.au](mailto:international@girlguidessa.org.au) or Carol [possum@salones.org.au](mailto:possum@salones.org.au) Carol (Yuppy) is a channel moderator on #trefoil.

You can also join the **JOTA-JOTI Australia** facebook page and find out the news in the leadup to the JOTA JOTI weekend.