

Girl Guides Join JOTI



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA

**Jamboree on the
Internet
For Girl Guides**



What is JOTA-JOTI?

JOTA-JOTI is an official international event of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement who invites Girl Guides to participate each year. It uses modern communication technology to offer Guides the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without even leaving home.

JOTA stands for Jamboree on the Air and is the amateur radio element.

JOTI stands for Jamboree on the Internet and is the Internet element of the event and is what this presentation focuses on.

The Jamboree takes place simultaneously all around the world each year. A different theme and set of activities are developed for each Jamboree.

Guides can participate as a patrol, a unit or individually.



Benefits of JOTI

- ❧ Fun and exciting experience for Guides
- ❧ Engages young people from many parts of the world
- ❧ Celebrates Guiding
- ❧ Promotes a sense of belonging to the World Guiding Movement
- ❧ Promotes peace, cultural awareness, tolerance, sharing, collaboration and active citizenship
- ❧ Provides opportunities for teamwork and leadership skills
- ❧ Provides opportunities for young people to explore technology and develop technical skills
- ❧ Promotes innovation and creativity
- ❧ Promotes positive online behaviours
- ❧ Develops general knowledge of the world



When is JOTI?



JOTI is active every year during the third weekend of October, and involves over 150 countries and typically one million Scouts and Guides from around the world.

Take note of these dates for the next 5 years and start planning your involvement.

Being a weekend it is a great opportunity for a sleepover!

How to join JOTI

Before getting started, do some reading – check out the [JOTA-JOTI website](#) for more information about the event.

There are many ways you and your Guides can join JOTI. Using the Internet you can talk to other Guides and Scouts via [Skype](#), social media including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), through the online game [Minecraft](#) and using Internet Relay Chat (IRC).

While Skype, Twitter and Facebook are common tools that many people are familiar with they can be limiting for younger members and require pre-made accounts. These tools may be well suited for older Guides who may already have accounts.

Minecraft requires software to be pre-installed but many already have it. Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is the easiest tool for all ages to engage in and is free.





Using ScoutLink to chat

IRC (Internet Relay Chat) is a way of contacting other people by exchange of written comments, live and in real time. You need to access IRC through a website. JOTI offers [ScoutLink](#) as a superb way of engaging in chat with other Guides and Scouts.

Once connected to the server, you join a channel, or discussion group, which can include Guides and Scouts from all over the world. IRC channels may hold discussions about anything.


ScoutLink is open all year so you can try it out before your event.



Think of a nickname...

Nickname x

Channel

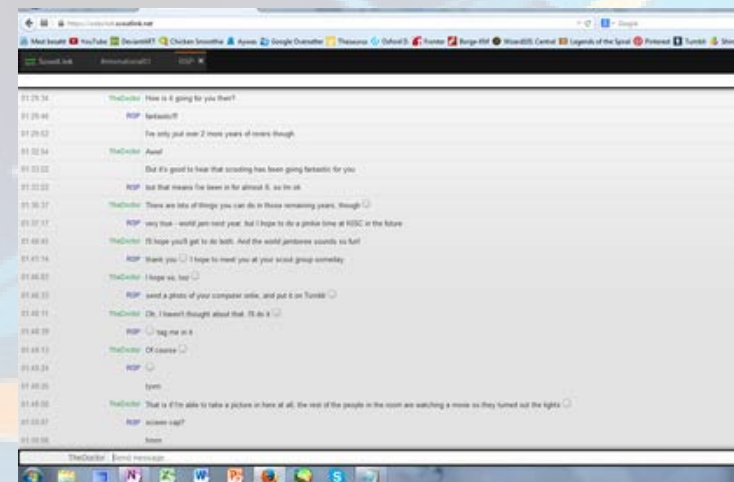


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Your awesome IRC network

Log on screen



Chat window



Using Scout Link to chat

To access a chatroom:

- ✿ Open an Internet Browser on your computer
- ✿ Go to the Scoutlink Webchat website at <https://webchat.scoutlink.net>
- ✿ Create a nickname to represent you
- ✿ Choose a Channel
- ✿ Click 'Start'

You will be placed into a chatroom where you will see conversations happening – latest entries are at the bottom

To chat:

- ✿ At the bottom of the screen you will see your nickname and long white box
- ✿ Click in the white box and type your message
- ✿ When finished typing, press 'Enter' on your keyboard and your message will be added to the conversation


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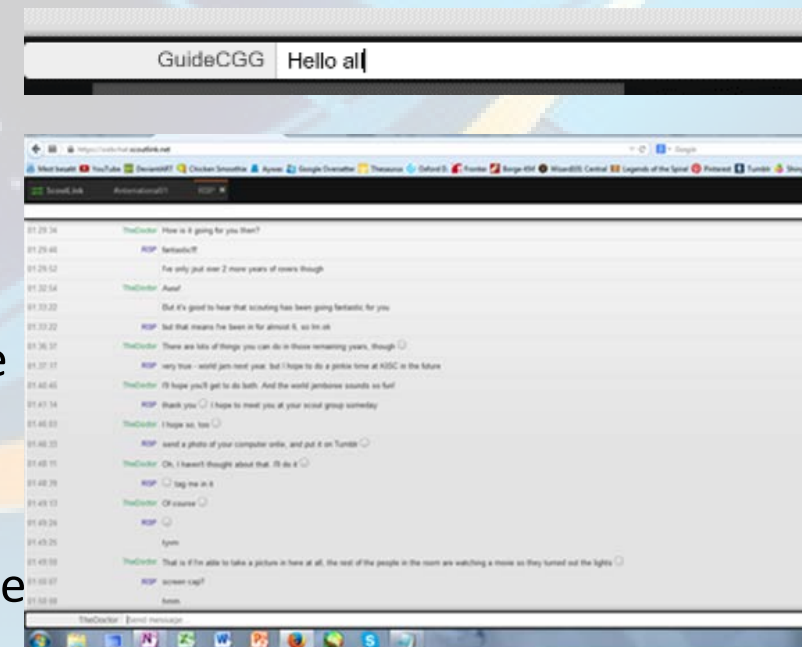
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To participate:

- ✿ Read the channel content first to get to know what is being discussed before chatting
- ✿ It's not necessary to greet everyone on a channel or room personally, one "hello" is enough
- ✿ Don't assume that people will want to talk to you. If you feel compelled to send private messages to people you don't know, then be willing to accept gracefully that they might be busy or simply don't want to chat with you
- ✿ Channel sitting or idling is not favoured- people are here to talk to others – be active
- ✿ To talk privately (and not in the main chat) click on a person's name on the right and select 'message' to send a private message

NOTE: All Soutlink channels are logged and monitored by a trained channel operator who can intervene if needed.



Using Facebook, Skype and Twitter



If you have a Facebook account, you can use the official event Facebook page as a form of communication. The Facebook page can also be used to upload results of the challenges and pictures that you want to share. Traffic on this page is monitored by the World JOTA-JOTI team throughout the event. The page is at www.facebook.com/jota.joti.wosm



Skype allows you to communicate with other Guides and Scouts with audio and video. You will need to have a Skype account and can find Scouts and Guides to talk to by checking the JOTA-JOTI sign-up list on www.world-jotajoti.info.



Use your Twitter account to communicate with others. The official Twitter account is [@jotajoti](https://twitter.com/jotajoti). If you're tweeting about your JOTI plans or activities then use the hashtag [#jotajoti](https://twitter.com/jotajoti)

NOTE: All of these communication methods require the participant to be 13 years or older and require a pre-made account





Using Minecraft



ScoutLink Minecraft is a massive open-world game where you dig (mine) and build (craft) different kinds of 3D blocks within a huge unique world. In this world the sun rises and sets as you go about your work, gathering materials and making tools. Working on your own or as part of a team, the only limit is your imagination.

In order to play on ScoutLink Minecraft you need the computer edition of Minecraft, which you can buy for around \$35 from Mojang at <https://minecraft.net/store/minecraft>

To play:

- ☛ Start Minecraft and chose “Multiplayer”.
- ☛ Add new server and type **minecraft.scoutlink.net** as server address
- ☛ When you log in for the first time you spawn at the hub. This is a global meeting place where you chose which gamemode you want to play (survival or creative). The hub is also a great place to chat with Guides and Scouts.

A screenshot of the "Edit Server Info" screen in Minecraft. The screen has a dark, textured background. It contains two text input fields: "Server Name" with the text "ScoutLink Minecraft" and "Server Address" with the text "minecraft.scoutlink.net". Below these fields is a button labeled "Server Resource Packs: Prompt". At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: "Done" and "Cancel".

Edit Server Info

Server Name
ScoutLink Minecraft

Server Address
minecraft.scoutlink.net

Server Resource Packs: Prompt

Done

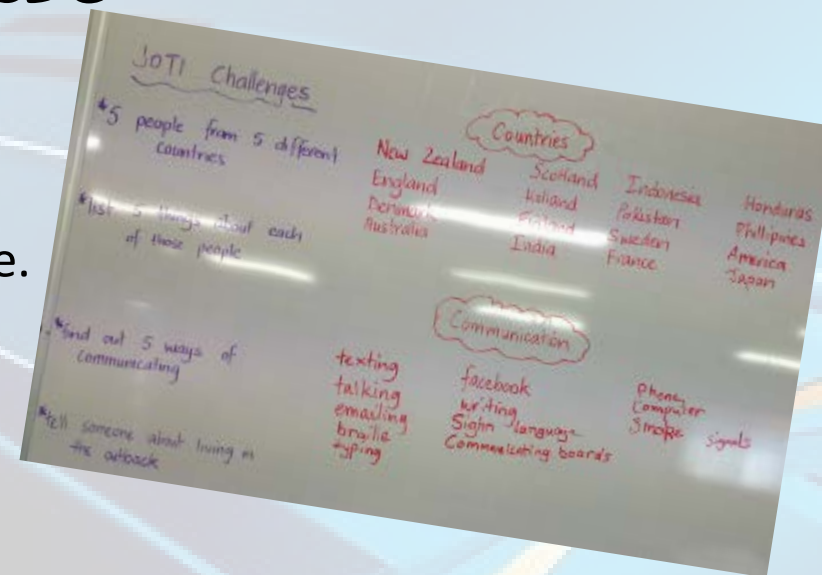
Cancel

What to chat about

The most fun can come from conversations with other Guides and Scouts whether they be across town, from another state or from the other side of the world. Guides can share stories about their Guiding experiences, challenges they have completed, the weather, their country and their culture.

There are also a number of activities that Guides can engage in during the JOTI weekend:

- ✿ [JamPuz](#) – short for Jamboree Puzzle, involves exchanging codes between locations, you will need to register in order to get a JID (Jamboree Identification Code) to exchange with others you meet online. Challenge the Guides to collect as many as possible through meaningful conversations with others.
- ✿ [JOTA-JOTI Challenges](#) – during the weekend JOTI post a range of challenges to get your Guides working as a team. These usually involving getting the group to do something and take a photo which is then shared with others. Examples of past challenges include: make a kite or paper planes, crashed spaceship survival scenario; and making wobble bots.



Registering your location



While you and your Guides can participate in JOTI without registering, it pays to register so you can be officially listed as participants in the event and get your unique JID (Jamboree Identification Code) for the JamPuz Challenge. Registrations usually open around July of each year.

To register:

- ☘ Go to <http://jotajoti.info/sign-up-for-jota-joti/>
- ☘ Fill in the details including your location and an email address
- ☘ Contact your State JOTI co-ordinator and let them know you will be participating

You will be sent a confirmation email of your registration along with your JID.



Where to hold JOTI

Deciding where to hold your JOTI event will depend on the number and age of the Guides as well as the equipment you have available. You will need access to the Internet (wireless is best) and devices for the Guides to use.

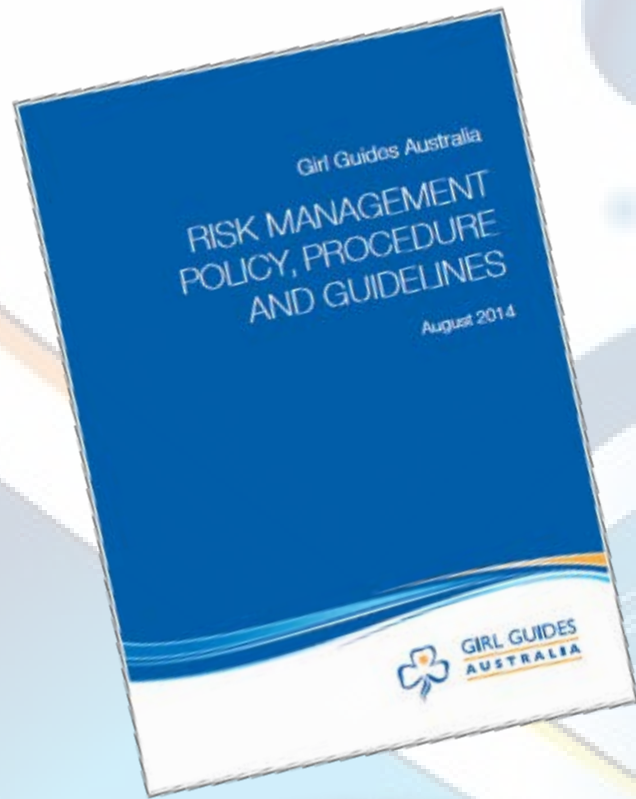
If you are limited by your resources consider working in groups or pairs. You can use desktop computers, laptops and tablets (such as iPads). Many Guides have their own equipment – you just need some way of providing the Internet.

Hold your event at your hut and use a wireless modem (pictured below).

Talk to your local library who may have free wireless Internet.

Approach a local teacher and school who may have devices, and possibly the Internet, available for hire/loan (just be wary of school blocks that may not allow chat connections).





Risk Management

You must consider the risks involved when setting up a JOTI activity – if you are working with young children or have not run this activity before then a Risk Management Plan is probably a good idea. Some risks you need to consider include:

- ✿ Electrical Safety: there may be extension cables and power boards. Consider reducing trip hazards and circuit load capacity of the location.
- ✿ Lighting: should be adequate but not cause glare on the screens of devices
- ✿ Seating: chairs must be high enough for comfortable and safe use of computers
- ✿ Engagement: rotate young people between on-computer activity with other activities
- ✿ Inappropriate Content Online: educate users in online safety practices
- ✿ Inappropriate Chatting: have clear consequences and education prior to starting
- ✿ Damaged Equipment: check all equipment prior to use



Netiquette: Staying Safe Online

It's easy on the Internet to pretend to be someone else. Someone on the internet can be pretending to be a Guide, or a group of Guides, whilst in reality they are not.

- ✿ Never give out your full name, your home address, phone number, school or location when sending e-mail or chatting with IRC.
- ✿ If you receive an Internet communication that you think is strange or unusual, tell your leader or one of your parents to have a look at it, just to be safe.
- ✿ If you receive an Internet communication from anyone who wants to meet you, or asks for any personal information, do not reply! Tell your leader or one of your parents, just to be safe.

When online remember to continue to act by the Promise and Law:

- ✿ Be considerate: respect the forms, manners, and customs of others you meet online
- ✿ Be friendly to others: Reply to all messages received unless unsafe
- ✿ Respect others: use language which won't offend others and be positive
- ✿ Use time wisely: communicate efficiently and don't waste the time of others



After the Event

Girl Guides Australia JOTA/JOTI 2015 Report



Your report will be used to produce Girl Guides State and National Reports. This report should include your yarns, photographs, newspaper articles etc. and will be sent to Girl Guides Australia to form part of the Australian Report to World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Leader compiling this Report:
Contact Phone number:
Unit:
Region:
Station location: (

Participant Details

Guide Units/Scout Groups who participated	Pre-JG	JG's	Guides	SG's	No. of Leaders	Non Members	Total
1 st Charleville Girl Guides			14		2		16
2 nd Charleville (Lone) Girl Guides			1				1

Communication Details

Station Type	Operation Times	Modes used
Guides	Friday PM	HF
Scouts	Saturday AM	VHF/UHF
Joint station	Saturday PM	ECHOLINK
Radio club	Sunday AM	IRLP
Private dwelling	Sunday PM	INTERNET

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

	JOTA	JOTI
No. of contacts	Guide/Scout	Non guide/scout
Local		1
Interstate		3
Overseas		25

Once you have completed your event remember to:

- ❖ Fill in your JOTA-JOTI report for Guides Australia, including any photos from your event
- ❖ Send a copy to your State JOTA/JOTI co-ordinator
- ❖ Order Badges from your State Guide Shop (could do this before hand if you want to hand out on the day of the event)
- ❖ Send certificates of thanks for any assistance or equipment used



See you online for the next JOTI!



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