

AGINFO 22 (2025) JOTA/JOTI 2025 – A World Shaped by Youth Registration and Child Safety Guidelines

Dates: 17-19 October 2025

About JOTA/JOTI

Jamboree-On-The-Air and Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTA-JOTI) is the world's largest annual digital and radio event, connecting Girl Guides and Scouts from around the world. Held on the third weekend of October, the event promotes global friendship, cultural exchange, and youth empowerment.

2025 Theme: A World Shaped by Youth

This year's theme celebrates the passion, creativity, and leadership of young people around the world.

JOTA/JOTI is an event that can be participated in as a group online (JOTI) and by citizen band radio (JOTA). GGA does not support individual registrations on JOTA/JOTI platforms.

Registrations for both will open late August. Depending on which of these you want to participate. in the registration process is different.

Registration for JOTA

JOTA (radio-based) registration is managed through your State Girl Guide Organisation (SGGO). Units should not register directly with Scouts Australia.

- · Contact your SGGO to request registration.
- SGGO will register on your behalf and send back confirmation details.

Registration for JOTI

- If you wish to participate in the virtual camp site, watch the online content and speakers and take part in the associated activities, webinars, games etc. they offer, then Leaders – not youth members – should register at this link https://www.jotajoti.info.
- Please register using an official Girl Guides email address, not your personal email account. Registration is managed through World Scouting, so when you select the organisation from the list provided, select Scouts Australia and identify as a Scout organisation.

- 3. Once you submit you will receive an email verification email and once you approve that, you will receive a confirmation email with links to all the exciting information about the event as well as the Child Safety reminders.
- 4. Start getting ready now to join the world's largest digital and radio Scout/Guide event:
 - Start conversations with your Unit/group and plan your participation for this year's event!
 - Familiarise yourself with the program ahead of time, to see, which activities you will find interesting.
- 5. During the JOTI weekend, take part in the activities, tune in to the live shows or meet fellow Guides and Scouts on the different channels.
- 6. To access the webchat Leaders are asked to sign the group in using ScoutLink https://www.scoutlink.net
 - Choose a nickname no full names please.
 - Choose a channel from the channels list. English or Youth* are a great starting point. To see a full list of the available channels once you are connected just type: /list.

Child Safe Child Friendly Guidelines

The following actions for Leaders support Unit participation in JOTA/JOTI in line with Girl Guides Australia's Child Safe, Child Friendly Framework. Leaders are required to closely supervise Guides while online. Leaders are responsible at all times for the safety and well-being of the Girl Guides despite Scouts running the event.

- World Scouting offers an online safety course the Be Safe Online e-learning course
 Leaders can complete the course with girls in a group, and commit to the Safe JOTA-JOTI Pledge, Be safe JOTA-JOTI 2025
- The Leader in Charge is required to retain a register of all youth and adult participants and provide this to their State Office or retain as per State requirements.
- The Leader in Charge is required to complete the OUT .01 risk assessment form including online safety considerations.
 - Camp/Adventure-based Activity / Event Application Form (OUT.01) 2025
- The Leader in Charge must adhere to all GGA policies, including supervision ratios and child safety protocols as detailed in the CSCF section of Guidelines. In particular:

section 10.8 Digital Platforms – Including social media and internet – quick links below:

Child Safe Child Friendly Elements for Girl Guiding

Guidance Note: Being Safe in the Digital Space

<u>Guidance Note: Inappropriate Behaviours on Digital Platforms</u>

<u>Guidance Note: Breaches and Consequences</u>

 Leaders could consider creating a set of JOTA/JOTI specific Unit or Camp Rules prior to the event to reinforce the following:

Girl Guides are not to use private chatrooms.

Girl Guides are not to access the other platforms via ScoutLink including Minecraft. Girl Guides should never share personal details, including real names, email addresses, home/school information, phone numbers, social media handles

Conversation Starters for Guides

- Have you participated in JOTI before?
- How many Scouts/Guides are in your group?
- What's your favourite badge you've earned?
- What do you enjoy most about Guides/Scouts?
- When and where was your last camp?
- What are your hobbies or favourite games?
- Do you play sports or follow a team?
- What's your favourite food or holiday destination?
- What do you like to watch on TV?

JOTA/JOTI Badge

This year's badge will be available in October. Badges can be ordered through Girl Guides Australia Shop and State Guide Shops.

For any questions regarding JOTA/JOTI please reach out to your State Office. For any guidance on Child Safety please email admin@girlguides.org.au.