



JOTA / JOTI

NEWS FLASH

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It starts with Scouts.

To: National JOTA/JOTI Team
Council JOTA/JOTI Representatives
JOTA/JOTI Enthusiasts throughout Scouts Canada

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Hello all!

SIX WEEKS! SIX WEEKS! SIX WEEKS!

In six weeks we celebrate JOTA's 60th birthday... and as an added bonus, JOTI turns 21!

This year's **Jamboree on the Air** and **Jamboree on the Internet** take place **October 21st** and **22nd** and we celebrate milestones this year as part of the largest annual online gathering of Scouts in the world!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOTA!

Jamboree on the Air, the largest annual gathering of Scouts around the world, is celebrating a big milestone this year. It was in **1957** that **Les Mitchell G3BHK** organized an amateur radio station at the World Scout Jamboree in Sutton Park, England. The enthusiastic international response led him to organize the first Jamboree on the Air that October, and Les continued his involvement until he went home in 2014.

Today, we celebrate **JOTA's 60th birthday** on October 21st and 22nd, and alongside that, the **21st Jamboree on the Internet** as well. Whether over the radio or the Internet, you can join in and talk to over half a million Scouts all around the world.

Many groups participate from their own meeting place over the Internet, or on the radio with the assistance of local Amateur Radio clubs. You may never get to visit Scouts outside Canada, but you can talk to them on JOTA/JOTI weekend! Find out about Scouting in their country, what sort of things they like to do, and other fun facts. You may just make a permanent friend in another country!

It's another milestone as well - **Canada's 150th birthday** - so what better time to tell the world all about Scouting in Canada?

We should have information out next week on registering for this year's event.

COMMEMORATIVE CREST!

We will have crests again this year, and it's a special one to help celebrate JOTA's birthday. This one is only available in Canada and is part of our big birthday celebration.

There will be crests available before JOTA/JOTI weekend, for those who know how many they want now – and there will be a second order after JOTA/JOTI weekend as well.

If you are interested in ordering crests this year, even if you don't know the exact number yet, please email me and let me know ASAP how many crests you would like, so we can ensure we order an appropriate quantity from our supplier.



Crests are still **\$2.00** each plus appropriate GST or HST, depending on where you live. That even includes postage! Send me an email at adunn@scouts.ca with your numbers and I'll get the ordering process started for you.

Order deadline is 29 September if you would like to get your crests before JOTA/JOTI weekend.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON – STAY TUNED FOR ALL THE DETAILS

Yours in Scouting,

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