

**Jamboree-on-the-Air**, or **JOTA**, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack.

The World Scout Bureau reported that nearly 1.3 million Scouts participated in the 2016 JOTA, from more than 30,000 locations in 156 countries!

**WHEN:** Saturday October 21st, 2017

9:00 am to 3:00pm

**WHERE:** 1980 Lunenburg Rd

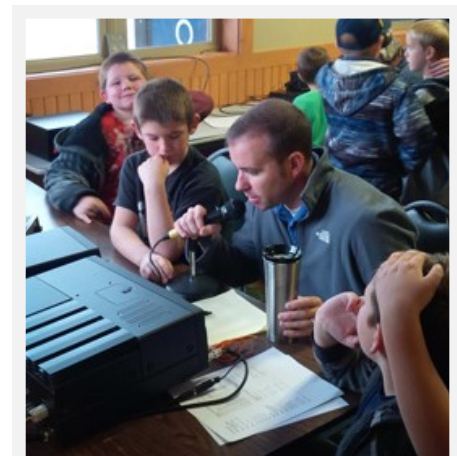
Lancaster, MA 01523

At the Nashua Valley Council Service Center

**HOW MUCH?** \$6.00 and Register at:

<https://events.nashuavalleybsa.org/cm/>

**WHO?** The Program is for Scouts of all ages. Though they will be led and instructed by the volunteers of the Montachusett Amateur Radio Association (MARA), Mohawk Amateur Radio Club (MARC), and the Nashoba Valley Amateur Radio Club (NVARC).





## How do I participate?

Simply visit the NVC Service Center on **Saturday Oct.21, 2017 from 9-3pm.** Volunteers from the Radio Clubs will sign you in. All participants of JOTA will receive a patch at your next court of Honor. Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts (age 13 & under) should be accompanied by an Adult or visit with their Den. Venturers & Boy Scouts (14-18) need approval from their Advisor or Scoutmaster.

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers, including girls. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically involves talking on a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication may also be taking place, such as:

- video communication,
- Digital communication (much like sending a message on your smartphone but transmitted by radio), or
- communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater).

The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be across town, across the country, or even around the world!



### The following can be completed at JOTA:

**Tiger:** Family Elective 8

**Arrow of Light:** Building a Better Word Core Req.10d

**Radio MB:** Requirements 7 & 9a2

**Citizenship in the World MB:** Req.7

**Ranger Award:** Communications Req. can be worked on.

**International Spirit Award** for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers.



MARA, MARC, and NVARC are an amateur radio clubs affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). They are based out of Fitchburg, Gardner, and Groton Massachusetts.

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