



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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Registration is NOW OPEN!

The **64th annual Jamboree on the Air** (and the **25th Jamboree on the Internet**) will take place **October 15th - 17th 2021**. Yes, that's right... *JOTI turns 25 this year!*

JOTA-JOTI weekend is only **five weeks** away!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration on the World JOTA-JOTI site is now open at jotajoti.info

More information is available at: <https://www.scout.org/node/637083> including a link to a range of resources to help you promote JOTA-JOTI

Register your group or event now! **To register a group or event, you first register yourself using your scout.org login account (if you don't have one, you can create one as part of registration), then proceed to Group registration as a second step.** Please ensure these details are passed around.

Crests?

Yes, there will be a crest. *We can't celebrate JOTI's 25th birthday without a crest!*

Recognizing that fall restart is going to be difficult for many groups, and that most groups will not know their numbers in time to pre-order crests, this year we'll do again what we did for last year's crest and take orders up to the week after the event. **October 22nd** will be the deadline for ordering crests, and then we'll have them produced in one batch.

After that they will be sent out to groups and should still arrive before Christmas break to hand out to your participants.

Otherwise, we suspect that there will not be enough pre-orders from groups who really know their numbers to keep the first batch price down to what you've come to expect.



SCOUTS CANADA's Fall Program is *AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 DAYS* and it focuses on different countries and on the Sustainable Development Goals.

This year's JOTA-JOTI event is also about communicating with Scouts in different countries, and the World JOTA-JOTI Team have built a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals into this year's event as well.

And... JOTA-JOTI takes place right in the middle of the *60 DAYS*.

So... **Try to make "International Scouting" your fall focus and work on both great events at the same time.**

To learn more about "Scouts for SDGs" go to this link:

<https://sdgs.scout.org/>

Approach to JOTA and JOTI this year

As of right now, all of Scouts Canada is in either Pandemic **Stage 4** or **Stage 5**.

Of course, if we've learned anything in the past 18 months, it is that this could easily change in the next 5 weeks.

If you are in Stage 5, there are basically no restrictions imposed by Scouts Canada beyond what your Province or Municipality requires. For those areas in Stage 4, the restrictions are still largely dependent on what your Province or your Municipality requires, with the following additional rules from Scouts Canada:

- Size of gatherings: Follow local and provincial guidelines.
- Patrols: 8 youth maximum
- Sharing of equipment: permitted within Patrols only
- Camping: All Sections may camp overnight indoors or outdoors in Patrols only. Large buildings are not permitted. Tents or shelters preferred.

So it is quite possible to put on an in-person JOTA or JOTI event. That being said, some parts of the programme (especially JOTI) can very easily be done remotely. A hybrid approach is also possible – JOTA in person with the support of local amateur radio operators, and JOTI from home the rest of the weekend.

If you are planning in-person, keep the following points in mind:

- Be prepared to change your plans if restrictions in your area change (five weeks is still a long time)
- Keep gatherings small (consider staggered or scheduled arrival times), and keep hygiene in mind
- Ensure you know what your local restrictions will be (can you meet in a local meeting place or do you have to run an outdoor event)
- Ensure you follow COVID screening requirements, and in the case of JOTA or JOTI, this includes technical resources (computer folks, amateur radio operators) you bring in to help run your event

Previous editions of the **NewsFlash** have listed some suggestions on how to do a virtual or hybrid event, and some things to keep in mind when planning any kind of event this year. ***If you have any questions, please ask!***

Whether you do an in-person event or a virtual event... ensure JOTA and JOTI are in your return-to-Scouting plans ... **and JOIN THE JAMBOREE!**

Yours in Scouting,



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