A Parent's Guide to Joining In

The Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) is an event that takes place annually every October to allow millions of Scouts to connect globally via the internet. However, owing to the challenging times around the world, and with many Scouts staying safe indoors, there is to be a special edition Jamboree on the Internet throughout the weekend of **3 – 5 April**. Below is the information that will enable parents to help get their children to participate from home.

Staying Safe Online

Whilst connecting Scouts from around the world to communicate is the aim of JOTI, internet safety is of paramount importance. For this reason, **anyone under the age of 13 taking part <u>MUST</u> be supervised by an adult whilst participating**.

Online can be an amazing place if everyone's respectful, speaks up, and stays safe. So, whilst taking part in JOTI please follows these principles:

Be a Scout (follow the Scout Law)

- Treat people how you want to be treated
- Respect other people's cultures and beliefs – this is your chance to learn about them
- Avoid words that might offend others
- If you wouldn't say it out loud, don't say it online

Be Heard

- If you see or hear something you are not comfortable with, tell someone straight away
- Make sure a responsible adult knows what you are doing online
- If someone asks you for personal info, tell someone straight away

Be Safe

- **Do not give out personal information** – using first name and general location is fine, but do not share, addresses, phone numbers etc.
- **Don't share passwords** – don't even tell your best friends
- **Keep your address, phone number and email private**

Further details about staying safe during JOTI can be found by **clicking here**. Hopefully you will have a great experience, however if you come across concerning behaviour please report it to **safe.joti@scout.org** with your name, the platform it happened on, what happened, the name of the account which worries you, and a screenshot of the incident if possible.

Ways to Join In with JOTI Special Edition

There are several ways to join in JOTI, you can try as many as you like:

Virtual Campsite
This is the hub of the JOTI experience. From inspirational talent shows and global chats to engaging wellness webinars and humanitarian action, you'll learn plenty of new things while making friends from around the world.
Click here to visit the virtual campsite

Webchat
ScoutLink provides a dedicated platform for Scouts to communication using Internet Relay Chat (IRC). This is the most common form of JOTI commination, and is available via the **ScoutLink app** for Android devices. Taking part is easy by just following these 5 basic steps:

1. Visit **www.scoutlink.net/webchat (or use the ScoutLink app)**
2. Choose a good nickname (not you full name)
3. Choose a channel from the list – English or Youth is a good starting point.
4. Click Connect
5. Start chatting!

Click here for more info on how to use webchat and get help (recommended)

TeamSpeak
TeamSpeak is software that allows users to talk to each other by voice over the internet. ScoutLink provides a set of virtual 'rooms' for Scouts to talk. This requires a simple software installation and configuration to use.
Full details can be found here: **www.scoutlink.net/teamspeak**

JOTI Radio
JOTI Radio is an internet radio station run by Scouts that broadcasts throughout the JOTI weekend. You can listen in, and even join in with their activities.
Visit their website for more info: **www.jotiradio.org**

Minecraft
For Scouts who have the PC (Java) edition of Minecraft, they can join other Scouts online in a dedicated Minecraft worlds.
Full details on how to play can be found here: **www.scoutlink.net/minecraft**

Skype
Often Skype meetings may come about or be arranged through contact via webchat. This is a great way for Scouts to communicate 'face-to-face'. However, if you decide to do this, it is recommended that uniform is worn to identify you as a Scout, and set up a specific Skype account, rather than using your personal one (see **Being Prepared** below).

Zoom
This is a relatively new video conferencing platform. Similar to Skype, you may be invited to take part in a zoom call. Again, it is recommended that uniform is worn so that you identify as a member of Scouting. You can download the zoom client or app in advance.

Social Media
JOTI will also feature across social media using the hashtags:
#jotispecialedition   #JOTI   #TogetherAtHome

Being Prepared

- Register at **www.jotajoti.info** to receive more info and get an official participation certificate
- Talk to your child about internet safety rules and how to behave while online
- Familiarise yourself with the various links above, and how to use things like webchat
- Install any required software (e.g. TeamSpeak)
- If using Skype, consider creating a separate account specially for JOTI so that your personal Skype details are not shared

Suggested Questions

Here are some suggested questions you might like to ask to get a conversation started:

- How big is the place where you live?
- What's the weather like where you are?
- Have you participated in JOTI before?
- How long have you been in Scouts/Guides?
- Where does your unit normally meet?
- How many Scouts/Guides are in you group?
- What is the best thing you do at Scouts/Guides?
- When/where was you last camp? What did you do?
- What badges have you got? Which was your favourite to do?
- What are your hobbies?
- What sports do you play? Are you on a team?
- Who is your favourite sports team?
- Where do you like to go on holiday?
- What's your favourite food?
- What do you like to watch on TV?
- What games do you like to play?

If they are not from the UK you could also ask:

- What time is it where you are?
- What is it like in your country?
- What languages do you speak?
- What type of food do you eat?
- Have you ever been to the UK? Do you think you will ever come?

And Finally: Enjoy JOTI, have fun, make new friends, and stay safe!

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