The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee, or perhaps they already have a ham shack at your council's camp. There are many ways to get involved with JOTA.

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others. 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 other Scouts across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2011 JOTA had nesrly 750,000 Scout participants from over 6,000 amateur radio stations! A participant patch is available, as is a certificate/log sheet that can also be used to fulfill a Radio merit badge requirement.

The 55th Jamboree-on-the-Air is October 20–21, 2012. The official hours are from Saturday at 00:00 hours local time (right at midnight Friday) to Sunday 24:00 (midnight Sunday evening). So you've got the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts.

Skyview Radio Society
2335 Turkey Ridge Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

JOTA Open House

Saturday, October 20, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Directions: www.skyviewradio.net

The Skyview Radio Society will host an open house for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers at our club house near New Kensington, PA on Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come to make 'contacts' with other Scouts and hams around the country or world through Amateur Radio. Planned 'hands on' activities include ...

- **Get on the air stations: CW (Morse Code), Phone and Digital**
- **Satellite Communications**
- **Repeater and Portable Operations**
- **Radio Merit Badge Class (See next page for more details)**
- **Videos: 'Morse vs Texting', Ham expeditions to remote locations**
- **Antique Radios**
- **Lunch will be available**

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Radio Merit Badge Class

Saturday, October 20, 2012
10:00-11:00 am & 1:00-2:30 pm
Directions: www.skyviewradio.net

In conjunction with the JOTA Open House, Skyview Radio Society will hold a Radio Merit Badge Class in our training room. Class details:

- **Course will follow the 'Ham Radio' track and requirements**
- **Limited to the first 25 Scouts who register**
- **Session #1 - 10:00 to 11:30 am**
- **Session #2 - 1:00 to 2:30 pm**
- **You MUST attend both sessions to complete the requirements**
- **A ten minute 'on the air' conversation with another ham is also required to earn this badge - Can be completed before, between or after class sessions - Or bring evidence from home of completed contacts**
- **Plan on spending most of the day with us!**
- **Bring a Blue Card from home, completely filled out and signed by your Scoutmaster - The Radio Merit Badge book can also be helpful.**
- **Lunch will be available for participants**
- **Cost for the class is $3 - To be paid at time of registration.**
- **Thank You for wearing Class 'A' Uniforms**

Registration for Radio Merit Badge Class

Saturday, October 20, 2012 @ Skyview Radio Society

Scout's Name: _____ **Council:** _____ **Troop:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone No.: _____ **Email:** _____

Cost for the class is $3 - Please Pay to confirm your registration

Make checks Payable to: Skyview Radio Society

Send Registration and fee to: Robert M. Bereit, K3RMB; 1018 Grove St.; Greensburg, PA 15601-3928

Email Questions to: k3rmb@arrl.net