



Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT)

Scouting Members Walking Together Worldwide

Saturday May 13, 2006



What is JOTT?

This is your once a year opportunity to participate in a Worldwide Scouting event at little or no cost. **WOW!** How often does that happen?

Jamboree On The Trail is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. It's easy to remember the date — it's always the 2nd Saturday of May, each and every year. JOTT is the only international annual event for every member of the Scouting family — members of all ages and all sections. It is an ideal opportunity to come together in the spirit of Scouting, with members from all over the world promoting the worldwide aspect of this great Movement. Whatever age and wherever you may be in the world, you are invited to participate any way you can.

Take an afternoon, day or weekend; go for a walk, a hike, a camp; do a community service project, or whatever activity is suitable for you or your group. Participate individually or as a group. Just imagine, many other Scouting members will be out there too, on the same day, worldwide.

The first Jamboree on the Trail was held in 1998. Every year it grows bigger and bigger. Each year sees more countries and more members participating. There is no official recognition for the event, no funding for publicity, just the Internet and word of mouth to spread the news. Nonetheless, this event is catching the imagination of a great number of Scouting and Guiding members.

Registration

The form is available on our web site (see below). There are two ways to register, first, with a crest-order by mail, or, secondly, without a crest-order by e-mail or mail. Registration helps us to determine how many participants we have.

Crest

A new crest is designed each year, available for purchase by participants. Scouter J. Mark Merryweather from Ontario designed this year's crest. Crest designs are welcomed and can be submitted anytime during the year. The deadline is December 31st for the next year's crest. Further crest details are on our web site.

The JOTT Team

The following volunteers from around the world are coordinating this event. Thanks to their participation, we are working hard to spread the news about JOTT. At this time I would like to introduce the JOTT Team:

Dave Wiebe – International Coordinator, from Central Canada

Michael Holla – from Western Canada

Liam Morland – from Central Canada

Sandi Landsborough – from Central Canada

Keith & Kat Barr – from Atlantic Canada

Joe Kotch – from the United States of America

Kevin Thomson – from the United Kingdom

Pekka Karppi – from Finland

Peter Thomas – from Australia

Gareth Forbes – our newest member from South Africa!

Participant Summaries

We are looking to enhance our web site and add more participant information. Participants are requested to submit a write up (with or without pictures) to be posted on our web site. We are looking for information such as group name, location, what you did (was it a hike, a service project, etc.); how long you were out (an hour, full day, full weekend); where you went (local park, waterfront, camp, etc); and any other details you would like to provide. Please submit to publicity@jott.org. E-mail any suggestions, comments, ideas, crest designs, etc. to the JOTT team at any time.

Next Year — 2007

2007 will be the 10th anniversary of JOTT and the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. The JOTT Team is looking for ideas on how to "DO IT UP BIG". Please send any ideas you have to the above e-mail address.

Anytime and all the time, help spread the word about this great worldwide event! Visit our web site (www.jott.org) for more details and to join our free e-mail list. Hope to see you on the trail, Saturday, May 13, 2006. Happy Trails! X
– Sandi Landsborough, JOTT Publicity Coordinator

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