



68th Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) at the Endeavour Boree Regatta Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October 2025 Information for Guide and Scout Leaders



This is the 68th year which Guides and Scouts will speak to each other using the magic of amateur radio and the 30th anniversary of JOTA at the Boree Regatta. This year is also the 30th Anniversary of JOTA at the Boree Regatta provided by The St George Amateur Radio Society. There are two JOTA activities available at the Boree Regatta;

JOTA Radio On Air - youth members have an opportunity to speak to others over the air using amateur radio, or, **Radio Fox Hunting** – youth members can use radio direction finding equipment to find a transmitter hidden somewhere around the campsite. Both activities are conducted in small groups of no more than 10 youth members, in 30 minute time slots, which are booked by leaders either with the Boree Registrar on arrival at the Boree on Friday or at the JOTA tent on Saturday. Leaders must accompany and supervise their groups at both JOTA activities. Refer to the Boree Regatta handbook for operating times. All youth members attending will receive an Australian JOTA 2025 badge and QSL card.



JOTA Radio On Air – Preparation is the key to making the most of your time at JOTA. The radio operators will find other JOTA stations and assist your guides and scouts in getting on the air. Talking on the radio for the first time, to someone you don't know, can be daunting. It will help to have a list of conversation starters, such as open-ended questions that must be answered with a sentence. Avoid questions requiring yes / no answers. Before attending JOTA, pair off and practise asking each other questions and answering in turn. On air only one person can talk at a time. Practise saying "over" at the end of each question or answer. Practise asking more questions on the same topic.



Radio Fox Hunting - The "fox" is a small, low-power hidden radio transmitter. A fox hunt involves finding the transmitter by using a radio receiver with a directional antenna which points in the direction of the fox. Fox Hunting and Radio Orienteering are international sports with competitions held in many countries. Youth members have the opportunity to use their skills to find a radio transmitter hidden somewhere at the Boree Regatta camp site.

Your Booking Record - Group Name:		
JOTA Radio On Air Activity	Day:	Time:
Radio Fox Hunt Activity	Day:	Time:

Radio Challenge Badge - Explore the World of Amateur Radio and earn the ALARA Radio Challenge Badge. To encourage more interest in Amateur Radio ALARA has introduced a challenge badge. This involves completing six activities from a list of electronics, radio and communications topics. Some of the badge activities can be completed by attending one or more activities at JOTA.



For more information visit: [https://www.alara.org.au/download/ALARA Radio Challenge Badge.pdf](https://www.alara.org.au/download/ALARA%20Radio%20Challenge%20Badge.pdf)

Amateur Radio Pathway Presentation - Amateur Radio, or ham radio, is a fun and educational hobby that connects people, electronics, and communication. Operators can talk locally, around the world. It works anywhere, even without phone coverage, and is not only social and exciting but also valuable in emergencies. To learn more about amateur radio and how to get started, come to the JOTA tent for our pathway presentation, Saturday afternoon commencing at 4.30 pm. No booking required.



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