



JOTT: Jamboree On The Trail

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On Saturday, May 9, 2009 members of Scouting everywhere will join together to enjoy nature and the outdoors. It took the vision of a Canadian Scouter to make it happen.

What is JOTT?

Jamboree On The Trail is an event held annually on the second Saturday of May, where all Scouting members around the world, whatever their age, wherever they are, get outdoors to do something, whatever they can. It can be an individual, a family event, a group event, an area event, or whatever you want to make it. In their own way, everyone will be moving in the same direction: towards a better future through Scouting.

It is the only worldwide annual Scouting event open to all sections, all members and their families. The only stipulation is to go outside on the second Saturday in May. Where and how – you decide. It could be a hike, a trail scavenger hunt, an area clean up, a weekend camp, a service project; the possibilities are endless. Use your imagination and have fun with it. Talk to your youth. Is there something they would like to do? If you

visit our web site, you'll find stories and pictures of participants to give you ideas of what you might consider. It is so easy.

The Birth of JOTT

One day, a Canadian Scout troop leader, Dave Wiebe, sent a trip report to an Internet e-mail list, beginning a conversation on hiking. The conversation led to the idea of a Scout hiking day for all sections and on any trail. More discussion happened as others around the world picked up on this unique idea, and Jamboree On The Trail was born in 1998. Further word of mouth and internet usage has evolved, with JOTT now known in all corners of the world. The very first JOTT had over twenty-four thousand participants in seventeen countries. In 1999, 30,000 participated, and it continues to grow each year as more and more people learn of it.



Unfortunately for the 21st Waterloo Scout Troop, the bus wouldn't start, so they had to hike the rest of the way.

Learn More

Jamboree on the Trail has an web site at www.jott.org. Participant stories, registration forms, team contacts, e-mail list registration, yahoo group registration, etc. makes it a great information resource. Every year, JOTT hosts a

crest design competition. The winning crest is then sold to participants; a very special memento for all who were part of this event. This year is the 12th anniversary of JOTT and the crest emphasizes the popular use of the Global Positioning System.

In the spirit of World Wide Scouting, we hope you will join us and be part of Jamboree On The Trail. *— Sandi Landsborough, is JOTT's Publicity Coordinator, helping to publicize this event by making posters, flyers and spending many hours advertising through e-mail to all parts of the world.*

Photo: Liam Morland

Meet The Team

Feel free to contact us at any time for further information or if you would like to help organize Jamboree on the Trail. Many hands make light work.

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