

### ***Troop 1 – JOTA Trip 2014 October 18 – 19***

Boy Scout Troop 394 in co-operation with the Satellite Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring this year's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) for the County of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, on 17 - 19 October 2014. JOTA is the world's largest international scouting event, building international brotherhood, encouraging the boys to explore wireless communications, science and technology. Here are a couple promotional clips regarding JOTA:

- <http://jotajoti.info/>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2ef3PJQ4vQ>

#### **This year we will be offering:**

- Radio Merit Badge
- Cyber chip certification
- CPR certification
- Tour of a military satellite tracking station (Way Cool!)
- Access to 2 High Frequency stations, one VHF Station, Satellite communications system and a Morse code station.
- FCC Testing for Ham Radio License will be available to all participants.
  - Testing donation of \$14 for the exam.
  - There is no age limit for this license. Any Scout or Scouter may sit for the exam.
  - NOTE: This is a technical exam that requires prior study.
  - Example study guide: <http://www.kb6nu.com/tech-manual/>
  - The First three scouts to pass an Amateur Radio exam will receive a free handheld VHF/UHF transceiver.

#### **Event/Camping Information**

Friday and Sunday are travel/logistics days with Saturday being the primary event day. This event generally runs all day starting early Sat AM (0800) with opening flags and runs later into the evening on Sat. Your troop is encouraged to arrive Friday and stay the night Saturday for an early departure Sunday AM after a 0900

flag ceremony. Those who arrive early enough on Friday will be asked to help with quick service project to fill in some of gopher holes on the grounds to help make the site a bit safer.

The Air Force base has historically supplied most basic support (latrines, water, garbage service) but due to budget cuts were unable to receive this service. Our backup plan is to purchase these amenities which we need to ask for a per-person payment \$5 - \$7 to cover the expenses. Once we have better numbers we will let you know a final cost.

On site camping is a dry open field so **no open fires** (Each troop must post a fire plan at their site) but propane stoves are okay. We do have water service on site in case of emergencies but request that you bring your own water (drinking, washing, etc.), tables and any other supporting equipment you may need. The radio shack is surrounded by a large field enclosed by a fence. Camping will be along the top right and left fence line (west and south fence line). Parking will be along bottom fence line (North East fence line). The site has full view of the horizon in all directions and is therefore exposed to the elements. Please ensure your campers are prepared for warm sunny days and cool breezy evenings. As with many camp sites at this time of year we do have flies and various wildlife.

This event is located about 20 minutes west of Santa Maria (101 and Clark Ave). See <http://wikimapia.org/5916900/Vandenberg-Tracking-Station-VTS> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air\\_Force\\_Satellite\\_Control\\_Network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_Force_Satellite_Control_Network) for details. You can also google the location for directions (34°48'50"N 120°30'1"W). I have also provided directions in one of the attachments.

**Troop 1 is leaving at 6am on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> from the Church Parking Lot  
We will be home by 3pm on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost is \$30 per person which includes food. Make Checks payable to Boy Scout Troop 1.**

**We will be stopping for Lunch on the way home on Sunday so please bring an additional \$10 in cash per person.**

**Each person going will need to fill out a hold harmless agreement.**