



Proudly Present:



Jamboree on the Air – 2023



October 20-22, 2023

Radio station set up will be at the **Loblolly** Campsite. We are not providing anything for you, your unit will need to make reservations and register for the merit badge (**W4CEC.com/registration**).

The Radio Merit Badge will take place under the **Health Lodge Shelter (8am-12noon)** all radio activities will be in the adjacent **Loblolly Campsite**.

Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the **third full weekend in October**. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. Many times you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp. The **Occonechee Amateur Radio Club** will be setting up at a variety of locations around Camp, primarily in the Loblolly campsite. This is a GREAT place for you and your unit to come and experience amateur (HAM) radio, and give you the chance to speak with Scouts in the next state, or possibly around the world!

You and your leaders may be interested in taking the FCC exam and becoming licensed.

Scouts attending the Merit Badge class, for **THIS** event only, should be in either a FIELD or ACTIVITY uniform. Which ever is proper for your unit. Bring booklet, water bottle, paper and pen. We will have multiple voice stations, JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet), Echolink, and Digital Mobile Radio stations, along with an Amateur packet radio station (like HAM-Email) set up and operating for Jamboree on the Air. You will even get to do a "Fox Hunt!"

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