



Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) & Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI)

Activities for Beavers

Tin Can Telephones

Goal: Experience an alternative means of communication.

What You Need:

- 2 clean tin cans (or paper cups)
- String (about 3–5 meters)
- Nail to poke holes
- Tape or washers to secure string

Instructions:

- Poke a hole in the bottom of each can.
- Thread string through and tie a knot or washer inside each can.
- Stretch the string tight and take turns speaking and listening.
- Full guide available [here](#).

JOTA Link: Talk about how Scouts used radios to communicate in the past, just like you're doing with your tin can telephone!

Global Hello Game

Goal: Discover how to say “hello” in different languages and where they're from.

How It Works:

- Teach 3–5 ways to say “hello” in different languages (e.g., “Hola” – Spanish, “Bonjour” – French, “Konnichiwa” – Japanese).
- Show them on a big world map.
- Play a matching game: match the greeting to the flag or country.

Interactive version: Make it a movement game — when a greeting is called out, Beavers run to a corner of the room labelled with the correct country.

JOTI Link: Encourages international understanding and cultural exchange.



Radio Relay

Goal: Practice clear communication like on a radio.

How It Works:

- Beavers form two lines or teams across a space.
- The first person is given a short, simple message (e.g., “Scouting is fun!”).
- Each child whispers the message to the next — simulating a “radio transmission.”
- The last Beaver says the message aloud to see if it stayed the same.

Variation: Use walkie-talkies (if available) for extra realism!

JOTA Link: This mimics how Scouts use amateur radios to pass messages during JOTA.

Radio Code Fun (Phonetic Alphabet Game)

Goal: Introduce voice communication protocols used in amateur radio.

Activity: Teach the NATO phonetic alphabet (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie...). Let them spell out their names using it or play a relay game where teams race to decode or encode words.

Additional Phonetic Alphabet Activities can be found [here](#).

Virtual Postcards

Goal: Learn about other countries and send a friendly message.

What You Need:

- Blank postcard templates
- Crayons, markers, stickers
- Photos of Scouts from other countries (optional for inspiration)

Instructions:

- Show pictures of Scouts from other countries and share a few facts about their uniforms, flags, or traditions.
- Beavers then design a postcard (drawing and a short message) for a Scout somewhere else in the world.
- Optional: “Send” postcards digitally via email (leader to leader), or hang them on a “world wall.”
- Make it easier: Pre-print postcard templates with space for drawing and writing.

JOTI Link: During JOTI, Scouts connect through the internet. This is a way to send a friendly message online!



“On the Air” Interview Game

What You Need:

- Toy microphone or pretend one
- Question cards (e.g., What’s your favourite animal? What do you like most about Scouts?)

Instructions:

- Pair up Beavers – one is the radio host, the other is the guest.
- Take turns interviewing each other.
- Encourage active listening and sharing.

JOTA Link: Just like in JOTA, where Scouts use radios to talk across countries, you’re practicing being a good communicator!

JOTI Chat Circle

Goal: Practice respectful, positive communication.

How It Works:

- Create a safe, simulated “chat room” — a circle where each Beaver gets a turn to “chat” by picking a question from a jar (e.g., “What’s your favourite animal?” “What makes you a good friend?”).
- They answer and then “pass the chat” to the next Beaver.
- Emphasize kindness, listening, and taking turns.

Option: Use coloured paper “emojis” for Beavers to hold up if they liked what someone said.

JOTI Link: Mimics online chats but in a safe, real-world environment.

Tips for Scouters

- Keep activities short and high-energy (10–15 mins max each).
- Reinforce the Scouting connection — “Just like Scouts around the world...”
- Use visuals like maps, flags, and Scout photos to keep Beavers engaged.
- Remind them: You’re part of the biggest Scout event in the world!