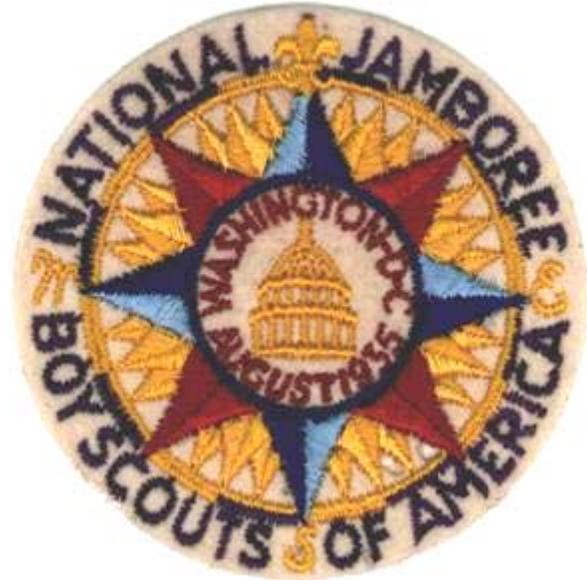




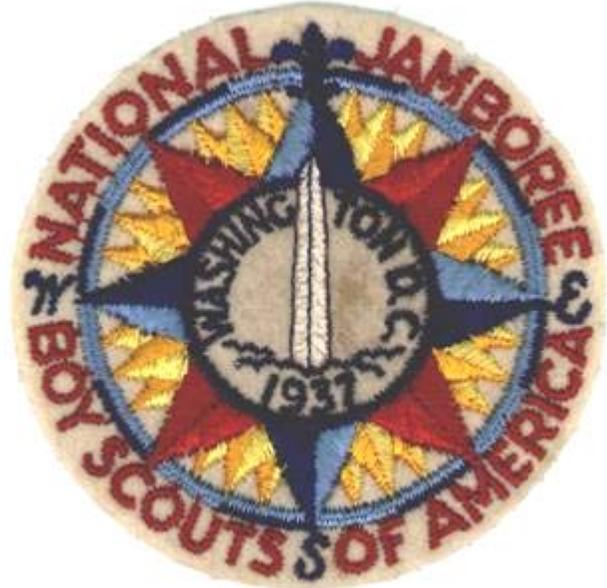
# Jamboree Collecting

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The culmination of many Scouts' experience is participation in a National Jamboree with friends from their hometown. In addition to going on tour and visiting many historical locations, Scouts get to meet other Scouts from across the country and world. It is natural to collect the Jamboree items that are part of the experience including a pocket patch, back patch, neckerchief, and so on. As you participate in the Jamboree, you will have opportunities to earn a number of awards and patches, and you will be able to trade for all kinds of Scouting memorabilia.



The term “jamboree” was first applied by Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, to the exhibition of Scouts from around the world in London in August of 1920. When he was told that the definition of jamboree meant “a noisy celebration,” he thought the expression was perfect for the occasion. Thus, the first jamboree was in fact a World Jamboree (Jamboree Mondial in French), so the area of collecting Jamboree memorabilia is roughly divided into World Jamborees and National Jamborees.



Most Jamboree collectors will focus on collecting one or two representative badges from each Jamboree, or will try to collect *everything* from just one Jamboree. It is not uncommon to see Scouters concentrate their efforts on the Jamboree they attended as a youth. Everything that is available for collecting in the broader world of Scouting memorabilia is available to collect within the Jamboree arena. Typical collections will include the Jamboree pocket patch, back patch, and

neckerchief. Other collectibles include the Jamboree neckerchief slide, leather patch, pin, hat, decal, mug, newspapers, postcards, towel, necklace, daypack, duffel bag, baggage tags, parking permits, show passes, staff items, contingent items, you-name-it.

## World Jamborees

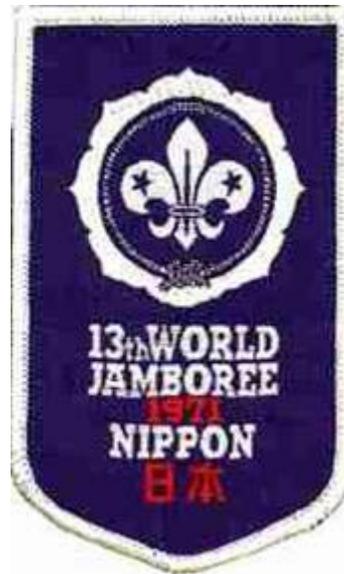
World Jamborees are a special challenge to collect because the pocket patches or other items have been restricted to one per participant in the past. The 1937 pocket patch was issued one per participant and had a colored bar incorporated into the patch design that designated the person's assigned subcamp. Likewise in 1947 the official patch included the French name of the subcamp. The neckerchiefs in 1975 indicated the subcamp and were assigned one per participant.



### World Jamborees

1920	Olympia, London, England	1967	Idaho, United States
1920	Copenhagen, Denmark	1971	Asagiri Heights, Japan
1929	Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, England	1975	Lillehammer, Norway
1933	Gödöllő, Hungary	1979	(cancelled - planned for Tehran, Iran)
1937	Vogelenzang, the Netherlands	1983	Kanaskis Country, Canada
1947	Moisson, France	1987	Cataract Park, Australia
1951	Bad Ischl, Austria	1991	Soraksan National Park, South Korea
1955	Niagara, Canada	1995	Flevoland, the Netherlands
1957	Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, England	1999	Picarquin, Chile
1959	Laguna, Philippines	2003	Sattahip, Thailand
1963	Marathon, Greece	2007	Hylands Park, Chelmsford, England

In addition to the World Jamboree badges and other artifacts, one can collect the contingent memorabilia. The BSA contingent issues a special pocket patch, backpatch, neckerchief and other assorted items, as do many other country contingents. A challenging collection would be to acquire the contingent badge from every country that was represented at the World Jamboree. Note that the 1979 World Jamboree planned for Tehran, Iran was cancelled due to political unrest in the host country. Although no official badge exists for the Jamboree, many contingents had already produced their country contingent patches, including the United States. These are an unusual and interesting piece of World Jamboree history.



## National Jamborees

The most commonly collected National Jamboree patches in the United States are appropriately those of the BSA National Jamborees. Other countries hold their own national or area jamborees, of course, and the memorabilia from those countries are entire collecting areas in their own right. Examples include the Canadian Jamboree, Asia/Pacific Jamboree, FinnJamb, Scottish Jamborette, EuroJam, etc.

As with World Jamborees, the primary collectibles from BSA National Jamborees are the pocket patch, backpatch, and neckerchief, but many, many other items are available. One popular item to collect at the National Jamboree is the Jamboree Shoulder Patch (JSP), special shoulder patches made exclusively for the local council contingent. Virtually every troop at the Jamboree will issue a JSP.

### BSA National Jamborees

1935	Washington, DC (cancelled)	1977	Moraine State Park, PA
1937	Washington, DC	1981	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1950	Valley Forge, PA	1985	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1953	Irvine Ranch, CA	1989	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1957	Valley Forge, PA	1993	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1960	Colorado Springs, CO	1997	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1964	Valley Forge, PA	2001	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1969	Farragut State Park, ID	2005	Fort A. P. Hill, VA
1973	Farragut St Park, ID/Moraine St Park, PA		

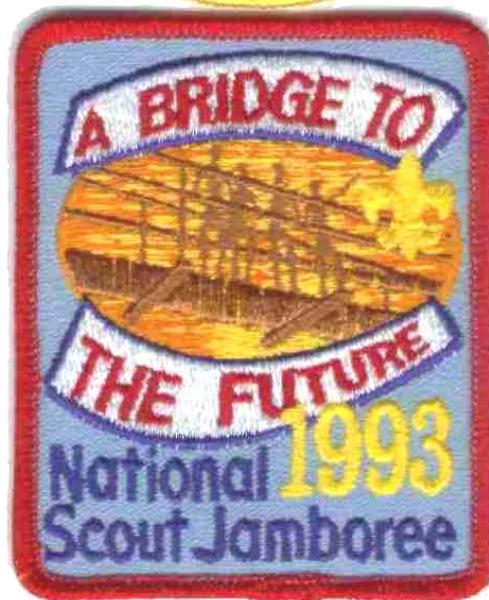
## JOTA/JOTI

A final area of Jamboree collecting that doesn't fit neatly into the categories above is the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), an annual event where Boy Scouts and Girl Guides talk to each other over ham radio. The idea for a Jamboree on the Air began with the 1957 World Jamboree where an amateur radio station was set up for the Scouts and public to enjoy. It was so well received that an annual JOTA was inaugurated in 1958. Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) is a more recent phenomenon, but has occurred each year since 1998 in conjunction with JOTA. Special badges are available for those who participate and these are the main collectible.

-- David Miura



National Jamboree Pocket Patches from 1950 to 1969



National Jamboree Pocket Patches from 1973 to 1993



National Jamboree Pocket Patches from 1997 to 2001  
Also pictured are some additional patches from the 2001 jamboree.



**1964 National Jamboree Back Patch**

**Most jamboree back patches look just like the pocket patch, only bigger.  
That was not true in 1964, 1997, and 2001.**



1997 National Jamboree Back Patch



**2001 National Jamboree Back Patch**