

REVOLUTION 2010

ISLE OF WIGHT



National Explorer and Network Activity Camp

Revolution News Flash

- 260 Explorer and Network Scouts experience Revolution 2010, on the Isle of Wight
- "The comedians made my sides hurt"
- April Fools was so appropriate for the attendees
- Rain didn't stop play or the laughing
- "My mountain bikes only got one wheel!"



Revolution 2010 was truly "A Great Laugh"!

2010 was the 16th Isle of Wight Revolution an Explorer and Network National Activity camp, and what a weekend it was! This year saw the largest turn out in Revolution history, with over 270 happy campers attending and the doors for bookings having to close in February a whole two months prior to the event due to reaching full capacity.

Once again Revolution 2010 was hosted at Smallbrook Stadium in Ashe, Ryde.

The theme throughout the weekend was 'April Fools', overseen by the Court Jesters management team.



The day of fools...

Friday: Revolution 2010 was kicked off with an Opening ceremony, a very social Disco and the first Camp Fire on the Thursday which lead nicely into Friday.

What a great way to start the REVOLUTION 2010 activity program with attendees heading to the Islands beautiful coastline for some water sports.

So off we went to Wight Waters on the beach at Lake for a spot of **Surfing**, **Kayaking** and **Body Boarding**. One of the first rules before doing any physical activity is to warm up properly, now

whether that means "Walking like an Egyptian" or not is purely down to yourselves. Well done SELNET Network for showing us how to prepare for the water.

SHOOTING AND ARCHERY, due to the popularity of Revolution 2010 additional activities were laid on including an **Archery** session, this hit the mark and was perfect.

During the **2.2 Rifle shooting** one of the explorers managed to score double points during her session, this confused the instructors until they checked the person's next door who didn't hit their target at all! Hmm enough said!!!





Regatta and Punch and Judy

Friday afternoon:

Drum workshop and dance mats, we always like to have a little dance during camp, traditionally it has been Morris, Belly or Barn dancing, but this year we went high tech. The setting was a School sports hall where the attendees experienced mass participation **dance mats**, 10 in total. They were split into groups of 8 to dance against another group. Points were awarded for the group with the most and the individual that performed the best. The moves were shown on the massive projector against the wall.

Not content with dancing to other people's music, we moved into the impressive surroundings of Medina Theater for a session of **African Drums.** Cephalapod provided authentic African drums with instruction to create some amazing rhythms and beats.



Friday Evening:

As it was the 1st day of April, what better way to round off the **day of Fool's** than be entertained by 3 **professional comedians.** The fancy dress theme was comedy characters and what an amazing selection turned up. The Simpsons, Spam-a-lot, Mr. Bump, a giant Woopie cushion, a troop of Marcel Marceau's, gangsters and the management dressed as Smurfs.



Saturday Morning:

Rib Rides:- How about a high speed RIB ride around the Solent to wake you up? It was a little wet and wild but it's no fun if it's calm! The spray was flying and the adrenaline built as the RIBS made their way out of the harbour and around the old forts for a closer look. There were no reported impromptu fish feeding sessions, guess we were going way too fast to stop and think about catching dinner.

Saturday Afternoon:

Climbing wall:- time to move from the sea to the dizzy heights of Sandown Rocks Climbing and Bouldering facilities, which are the best on the Island. Attendees spent time being instructed & then climbing the 50 foot+ tower or many of the smaller routes, having fun with the overhangs and boulders, suitable for all levels.

Mountain biking:- now for an energy sapping activity for many. The off-road bike route was set in Parkhurst forest along some very exciting trails. Spam network were obviously experienced on 2 wheels and managed to complete the course twice with in the time limit. (That's if they went the right way!) Most people managed to keep both wheels on their bikes but one of the explorers managed to turn their mountain bike into a unicycle! Very impressive but I don't think that helped their time around the course.

Saturday Evening:

After such an adrenalin-fueled day with Rib Rides, Climbing Wall and Mountain biking and taking time to explore the beautiful Isle of Wight it was time to go up to the clubhouse for an evening of cool chill out music and "Day glo" themed fancy dress. The music was supplied by our friend Cephalapod who brought along not just his drums but a selection of didgeridoos. The sounds were amazing and the being there watching him create the tunes was very special. The day glo fancy dress was once again very special with many units and individuals being very creative.



Units Attended 2009:



Sunday: Now although Sunday is traditionally the day of rest, the campers were woken up bright and early for the annual Revolution **Aerobics** class. This year our blonde and fit physical aerobic instructor was called PHIL! A shock for the boys, but a welcome sight for the ladies.

After such a workout it felt only right to keep up the adrenalin with a tactical game of **Headhunters**, a laser combat game in woods. The aim of the game is simple, kill as many enemies as possible and to Capture the Flag!

To allow people to catch up with normality and not to have adrenalin pumping it was time to enjoy a leisurely game of **Golf** at Freshwater pitch and putt.



All Good Things come to an End – until Next time

Sunday Evening: was the **Revolution 3010 The Space Odyssey**, and a chance for everyone to dress up in their out of this world costumes. The infamous **Awards Ceremony & camp Closing Ceremony** was hosted by the court jesters where the attendees were recognized for their special contributions to Revolution 2010. As always the leaders played their end of camp prank on the **Management...**those scamps!

As the evening drew to an end the camp joined hands and swayed side

side in a loving embrace.

Monday: morning came and it was time to bid farewell to all our lovely campers. The Revolution withdrawals started early but it cheers us up to know that we will see you all next Easter for Revolution 2011!!! Keep checking www.iowrevolution.org and Facebook page for more details. Until then, **don't forget to smile.... It confuses people!**



What a REVOLUTION!
a National Activity camp
designed just for
Explorers and Network!

REVOLUTION: ISLE OF WIGHT 'Awesome Camp' - 'Wicked'

"With 17 years behind us managing Revolution a National camp for Explorers and Network units, it still is not what we 'The Management' tell you about Revolution - it is what you tell us - see a few comments below from the Revolution attendees;

Columbus Network:

"Fab Camp, I thought it was better than last year and keeps getting better."

Selnet Network:

"Awesome weekend, thank you management and thanks for the entrainment!!"

An experienced Network scout:

"Still recovering from an awesome camp"

A worn out explorer scout:

"I am sad camp is over for another year, see you all again next year"

Will you be joining us and many other Explorer and Network units from around the UK for this fantastic National Activity camp, where the adventure starts once you have leave your home town and head south to the beautiful Isle of Wight.

Revolution 2011
21st – 25th April 2011
(St.George's weekend)

Join our facebook and ask other Explorer & Network members that have attended over the years what they think of Revolution – each year is unique and special!



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