

Revolution 2008: Isle of Wight

National Explorer and Network Activity Camp



Santa visits the Explorers and Network at Revolution

Revolution News Flash

- 150 Explorer and Network Scouts experienced Revolution 2008
- Father Christmas makes Guest Appearance
- Bad weather did not dampen the spirits
- World Exclusive, 'The Revolutions' Play at Smallbrook Stadium
- Truly Awesome camp, roll on Revolution 2009

"Why attend any other camp, when Revolution is the Best! Yeah!!!"

Isle of Wight Revolution 2008 was a real Cracker!

Revolution 2008 the 14th Explorer and Network camp was a real Cracker with 150 Explorer and Network members having a fantastic time on the Isle of Wight.

The theme throughout the extended bank holiday weekend was Christmas and not only did Santa pay the campers a surprise visit but a short snow shower was also delivered by the weather fairies.

Revolution 2008 was hosted in a new Venue Smallbrook Stadium, offering a

new feeling to the Revolution with a clubhouse on-site perfect to party into the evening.

Revolution kicked off with an Office Party themed Disco on the Thursday evening followed by an official opening on Friday.



Revolution Braces for Stormy Waters

Friday: The Opening ceremony in which tradition at Revolution all units either bring up their flag or an object which represents their county, this year included the Golden Tap and the Fish from Grimsby.

All units then set off towards Cowes a town on the estuary of the Medina River and world known for it's sailing. With the wind gusting fast, all jumped aboard the good ship 'Ashleigh' and set sail into the Solent.

Once out past the worst of the lumps

and bumps of the harbour the captain allowed all to move about the boat. Many had fun up on the top deck balancing as the ship swayed port to starboard.

Due to the windy weather we drifted past the Sea Forts and into the calmer waters of Portsmouth Harbour for a trip round the Naval Dockyard including HMS Invincible. Then it was time to return back to Cowes on route we gained a Titanic figured head who braved the force of the wind and breaking waves. After docking in Cowes, everyone dried off and headed back to site for a warm evening meal.



Boat Adventure on choppy waters



Destroyer in Portsmouth Hard



Santa & his entourage make Guest Appearance



Santa's Grotto



LOKI dressed for Christmas



K2 Network visiting Santa

Friday evening was special as not only was it Christmas Eve but a surprise visitor arrived on site 'Santa Claus' with his Elves and Angels. Even though there was a disco in full swing the excitement throughout camp resulted in many Explorers and Network queuing for over 40 minutes to see the main man. They were not disappointed either and nor was Santa, before getting back on his sleigh he commented to the Management Team "it was a joy to meet so many Explorer and Network scouts and that they were all very good boys and girls and he will see you all again at Christmas". The disco, a mix of party tunes as well as the traditional Christmas Eve party songs – what a fantastic night that was!

Saturday; Also Christmas Day for the campers saw the return by Popular demand of Wightopoly which was added back to this years program, this entailed a Treasure Hunt & Scavenger Hunt mixed with some great activities

which allowed units to explore the beautiful Isle of Wight.

Units split up for the day heading all in different directions seeking answers to the Wightopoly competition, the key activities included swinging and swiping at Golf balls within the **Golf Driving Range** and a session of **Mountain Biking** up an old disused railway line and then off-road to add to the excitement. Aptly timed on Christmas Day one unit had to fight their way through snow and hail along the trail.



Having Fun at Revolution



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Wightopoly Key Activities

A couple of the unusual activities at Revolution 2008 included lessons in **Hip Hop and Street Dance** of which there were many bust-in a move and getting down with it! Another activity which was a first for nearly all the attendees as you should not partake in this for at least another 50 years was a session of **Lawn Bowls**. A sport that you watch on TV and you feel that it can't be that difficult – well the truth is people found it a real challenge but really enjoyed it.

Wightopoly also included was a visit to **Carisbrooke Castle**, a trip to a lifeboat station, a two way visit to **Parkhurst Prison** as well as doing **good deeds** and obtaining many items on route and was won by K2.

Saturday Evening, well this was truly special. The management invited the camp to dine with them for the evening for a Christmas Supper including full **Turkey Carvery with Crackers**. This was then followed by a **Christmas Style Karaoke**, with some true howlers and some angelic angels. With some fantastic fancy dress and singing Christmas Carols to the public this was a superb evening

Sunday started off quite relaxed with bounce on the **bouncy castle**, an interesting fight of **Sumo Mud Wrestling** and a game of **Jenga**. To pick up the pace the energetic amongst which surprisingly this year were about 50 were put through your paces by 'our Julie', the lycra laden **keep-fit** lady who managed to break some of you out in a sweat, and caused others to collapse on the floor! Time for some lunch and then to head into WAR!!

Head-hunters (Laser shooting in the woods), as always was great fun, this year a little muddy under foot made it even more enjoyable, some attempting to attack the top base by running through the pond. The Network again this year seemed to have the upper hand, but once the Explorers found their feet and started operating as a unit held their own - Great fun.



Units Attended 2008:

Savernake Explorers

1036 Explorers

SPITFIRE Explorers

Hungry Hill Explorers

Zorro Network

Phoenix Network

1036 Network

Brummies Network

K2 Network

Fish Net Network

SELNET Network

GYCNET Network

Ryde Rangers

SPITFIRE Network

Albany Network

LOKI Network

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a National Activity
camp designed just for
Explorers and Network!*

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In true Explorer and Network style the last evening was celebrated with a New Years Eve Party.

The infamous awards Ceremony was hosted in which attendees were recognized for their special contributions to Revolution 2008. Just prior to the ceremony as the management were preparing they stumbled across Explorers in the changing rooms composing a song, their song was aptly titled 'Isle of Wight 2008' and the band named 'The Revolutions'. A quick request and they were booked for their first gig and performed the song at the closing ceremony at a packed Smallbrook Stadium – good luck guys with future success and remember our 30% Royalties you promised to the Management.



All Good Things come to an End – until Next time

We then had flag break and the party continued, with the usual end of night sway to New York New York, American Pie and Bohemian Rhapsody. After an emotional last song we headed to the final campfire. K2 saved a song for the last night which was legendary 'Bilbo Baggins'. Many stayed up till the early hours, where songs and games were played till people could take it no more.

Monday morning came, and it's the part the Management hate, saying goodbye to all of our lovely campers

(sniff sniff), but alas we are safe in the knowledge that we'll see all of your ugly mugs at Easter 2009....bring it on!!!!

The theme has been set, the activities are being planned as we speak and more details to follow soon. Keep on eye out on the website and Facebook for 2009 details.

Until then, happy camping



Revolution: Isle of Wight 'Awesome Camp' - 'Wicked'

"With 14 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 2008 attendees;

K2 Network: 1st Year at Revolution

"K2 had an awesome weekend, thank you all!!!! We shall most definitely be seeing you next year! X"

Selnet Network

Top marks as usual to the management for a great camp!

1036 Explorers

hey guys thanks for the awesome easter break looking forward to the next year

Network Albany: 1st Year at Revolution

Network Albany had a really great time at Revolution and we're definitely planning on coming again next year (but with more people and cars or a minibus!).

Thanks to all the Management Team for making it such a great weekend! Happy Easter/ Happy Christmas

Spitfire Explorers

**Apart from holding down the tents and the weather it was wicked !! =)
Woooo go 2009 !!!!!**

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 2009
9th – 13th April 2009**

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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