

REVOLUTION 2009

Isle of Wight



National Explorer and Network Activity Camp



Having a great holiday!

Revolution News Flash

- 170 Explorer and Network Scouts experienced Revolution 2009
- Punch and Judy bring the house down
- 2009 'The Great British Holiday Camp' theme was perfect
- Stadium setting was a real blast

Revolution 09 was truly "A Great British Holiday Camp"!

2009 was the 15th Isle of Wight Revolution an Explorer and Network National Activity camp, and what a weekend it was! This year saw one of the largest turn outs in Revolution history, with over 170 happy campers attending and the doors for bookings having to close a month prior to the event due to limited spaces.

The theme throughout the weekend was 'The Great British Holiday', overseen by the cheesetastic hi de hi Revolution Red Coats.

Once again Revolution 2009 was hosted at Smallbrook Stadium in Ashey, Ryde however this year we set up camp in the middle of the speedway track, which added a unique twist to the occasion.



"Hi De Hi.... Ted can't hear you!"

Hi De Hi campers...

Friday:

Now in typical British summer holiday fashion the weather was a little bleak, but that didn't discourage our campers who were up at the crack of dawn preparing for the day ahead.

"Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!", so off we went to the Island Youth Water Activity Centre in Cowes for a spot of **kayaking**, **dinghy sailing** and **yachting**. Many of you are quite accomplished in this sport so we didn't expect too many problems, but boy were we wrong!

The main protagonist was **JJ** from **GYCNET** who despite being a very accomplished kayak instructor decided to play dumb to the tutors and pretend that he had no idea what he was doing. This included knocking one of them off his kayak into the very chilly Solent, needless to say he was less than impressed!

That day campers also took part in a **Judo session** and a **Samba Drum class**, both of which went down a storm. The samba drums were particularly rhythmic and were a great way to get the campers in the mood for the evening festivities.





Regatta and Punch and Judy

Friday afternoon: Once back on site the Red Coats prepared the stadium for the **Revolution Regatta**, a night full of fun, frolics and cheesetastic **competition!** Although this was nearly postponed as **Mark** from the **Management** managed to lock himself in a toilet and had to climb out a tiny window and drop 8ft! The arena was split into four sections, with challenges to test the camper's physical, logical and mental aptitude. The overall winners of the event were **Team 11**, but as we all know boys and girls, we are all winners in the eyes of the Revolution Red Coats! So to reward you all we arranged a special treat, a traditional **Punch and Judy show** by **Mr Randini**, the Island's number one magician! Although the weather was against us the campers still managed to get in the holiday spirit and cheer Mr Punch on..."he's behind you!"

Friday Evening:

To finish the evening off we had a **Hi De Hi Beach Party** in the clubhouse. There were some fantastic costumes, including **Spam** in their children's beach towels, **JJ** in his knotted handkerchief and vest, and who could forget **Selnet** the human windbreak who wrapped themselves around couples and initiated the swap clothes contest. **Vicky** from the **Management** and **Tom** from **Loki** were two unfortunate victims of this and were left looking rather ridiculous.



Revolution Regatta



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Saturday: there were a variety of activities stimulating enough to quench any campers thirst. From the adrenalin fuelled **Tree Climbing**, to the meticulously skilled **Archery**, and not forgetting the cheesy delights of **Cheerleading**. There was a lot to fit in, but the campers achieved it, and even managed to squeeze in a bloodthirsty **Netball** competition. Now it is difficult to decide who the overall winner was, but a few characters certainly stood out. **Worzel** from **B&P** managed to break his toe during a game, quite how he did this is unknown. **Elliot** from **Columbus** scored a one in a million shot but sadly it was after the whistle was blown.

Whilst all of this was going on campers were also completing the great **Wightopoly challenge!** Teams ran around the island looking for the wonders of the IOW, carrying out several challenges along the way. Now the competition was fierce, highlights including the dramatic Star Wars performance by **Royal Kingston**. However the overall winners were **B&P** who not only managed to complete most of the Wightopoly board, but as an added extra counted every mini cooper they saw whilst traveling around (for those that are interested they saw 51!)

Saturday Evening: As night closed in it was time for the Saturday evening **Carnival Karaoke**. Now the word Carnival was interpreted differently by our campers, like **Spam Network** who saw it in the more traditional sense and dressed up as Morris Dancers and entered the disco singing the Worzels! Others decided to dress in whatever they felt like, including **Selnet** as a group of Revolution punks. There were a lot of karaoke howlers, but a few amongst you didn't sound half bad! However the person that sticks out the most has to be **Kevin** from **SPAM Network** who serenaded **Claire** from the **Management** with 'The Lady in Red(ish)'. A truly beautiful moment...which you can all relive on our facebook page...check it out!



Units Attended 2009:

Spifire Explorers

Savernake Explorers

Royal Kingston Explorers

B and P Explorers

Columbus Explorers

B and P Network

ILEX Network

SPAM Network

SPITFIRE Network

SELNET Network

Fishnet Network

Columbus Network

GYCNET Network

Ryde Rangers

Basingstoke Network

LOKI Network

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What a REVOLUTION!

a National Activity camp

designed just for

Explorers and Network!

Sunday: Now although Sunday is traditionally the day of rest, the campers were woken up bright and early for the annual Revolution **Aerobics** class. As always the session was led by the lycra laden treat that is 'our Julie', who managed to break several of you out in a sweat, and a few others to collapse on the floor!

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...capture the flag! A feat that **Harry** from **Columbus Explorers** achieved as he led his fearless group in to battle...well done that man!

And whilst this was going on the other groups were enjoying a leisurely game of **Crazy Golf** at Rylstone Gardens, possibly the cheesiest golf course in the whole of the South Coast.



All Good Things come to an End – until Next time

Sunday Night: was the Revolution **Captain's Ball**, and a chance for everyone to dress up in their finery. The infamous **Awards Ceremony** & camp **Closing Ceremony** was hosted by the Red Coats and the attendees were recognized for their special contributions to Revolution 2009. Once again there was a performance by 'The Revolutions' and as always the leaders played their end of camp prank on the **Management**...those scamps!

camp joined hands and swayed side to side in a loving embrace.

Monday: morning came and it was time to bid farewell to all our lovely campers. The Revolution withdrawals have already started but it cheers us up to know that we will see you all next Easter for Revolution 2010!!! Keep checking www.iowrevolution.org and Facebook page for more details.

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'Awesome Camp' - 'Wicked'

"With 15 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 2009 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 2010
1st – 5th April 2010

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