

**Revolution
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Summer Newsletter

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Abbie Road

Where does the time go?? I can't believe school has already started! Revolution had an awesome summer. First, I want to brag and say with 15 new members, we are officially a group of 30 people! Training was held in the beginning of June and

was a BLAST!! The highlight for me was getting to know everyone and of course- the OBSTACLE COURSE! We've had a busy summer of trainings and fun events and now we are ready to start performances! I am excited for this upcoming school year as I

hope to get us into some new schools. I am so proud of this new group and know that each and every one of you is working hard to make a difference. Remember, you are always welcome to stop in the office or call me anytime!

Katie's Krib!

Hi everyone! My name is Katie Rodriguez and I am a Senior a Columbus High School. Some things I am involved in are CHS 101, Diversity Leadership, and of course my all time favorite sport SOCCER!

First of all I just want to say how much I LOVE being in Revolution! I joined the group in 2008 not really knowing what I was getting into. I am totally happy I did because I have gotten so much out of being in this group and it feels good knowing that I can help others. I have been lucky to be active with the theater group. I have also been able to help with some community activities that spread the word about healthy dating.

This past year I was asked to

take over the role of Student Coordinator. This was such an honor because I would be replacing legends Lauren Wright and Kelsey Jochum. I have been trying really hard to fill their shoes! I have enjoyed every minute of this job along with learning some new things along the way!

I love being involved with the theater portion of Revolution. When I first joined, I played a smaller role which really got me hooked. Playing a part in the drama really opened my eyes to how important sexual assault and domestic violence awareness is. My favorite part of presentations is not knowing who will come talk to you after the performances. It's really cool when teens your age who barely know you

reach out and tell you their story. I have come to find out that you never know who will come down and talk to you, often it's the kids you would never expect. The biggest thing I have probably taken from being in this group is to not judge others because you never know what they have gone through or what backgrounds they come from. So, if you can give a person someone to talk to or even just a hug, it can make a world of difference to them. That is the best feeling ever! I am really excited to get to know all of the Revolution members and to start presenting in schools! Have an awesome year everybody!

If you guys need to reach me, you can email me at: revolutionstudent@hotmail.com.



Ogallala Presentation!

Revolution was asked to come and present to the Ogallala community on July 28th. This was our biggest presentation of the summer and different than anything we had ever done before.

This performance was actually a 2 day trip since it was quite a long drive and we would be presenting later in the day. The local domestic violence agency hosted the presentation and even enlisted local businesses to sponsor us. Two of our members Omar & Katie Rodriguez, participated in a radio interview with the local Ogallala radio station. Letting the community know about our presentation was really a unique opportunity.

We left Wednesday morning (very early) and drove 4 hours before we finally arrived in Ogallala. We arrived early enough to get our



Left to Right: Erin Nahorny, Tayler Bock, Omar Rodriguez, Miguel Gomez, Katie Rodriguez, Abbie Tessendorf, Levi McPhillips, Catie Wiese, Kelsey Jochum, SHIP Staff

equipment set up and ready to perform! Revolution performed the drama, answered questions in character, and finished off with the slide show. It was yet another great performance by Revolution and we were proud to leave the community with our message.

While in Ogallala we also had some time to hang out. We got a chance to eat at the world famous Chinese restaurant in Ogallala, which was amazing! Ok, it wasn't world famous, but it was still some awesome food. We were also able to swim at Lake McConaughy, which was the perfect place to go after our performance day. All in all, this presentation went well and the group had a blast spending time together and spreading the word about domestic violence and sexual assault.

Revolution's Summer Activities!

This past summer Revolution was extremely busy! We had trainings, presentations, community activities, and also hung out to get to know each other a little more.

One of the events Revolution assisted with was The Summer Sizzle on June 11th. The Sizzle is one of The Center for Survivor's biggest fundraisers. Revolution helped with hauling tables and running auction items to lucky winners. This fundraising event had a great turn out, and Revolution was able to represent The Center!

On June 13th, Revolution had it's first summer presentation. We presented to the Nebraska Juvenile Center in

Madison, Nebraska. We were nervous because we had never presented to this type of audience. To our surprise, they were interested and totally participated in the presentation. It went so well, we may be doing more with them in the future.

Revolution also had a chance to hang out and have fun. One of the things we did was tie-dye shirts. With all our community activities, we thought it would be good to have another shirt to wear besides our performance shirts. So on July 22nd, we tie-dyed at Abbie's house. The shirts turned out really well for our first

time and everyone was pretty excited to get to wear them!

On July 24th, Revolution helped with a booth for "Sundaes in the Square." We provided face-painting for children and had tons of fun. It was a great chance to show the community what Revolution is all about.

Closing out the summer, Revolution was invited to walk in the Columbus Days parade along with United Way. This was an exciting opportunity for us and we had a blast. Even though it was unbearably HOT, we loved handing out candy to kids and showing our pride to be a part of Revolution!



Revolution 2010 Training

This year's Revolution training was held on June 7th and 8th at Abbie's house. The training was full of learning, sharing our experiences, and of course having some fun!

The first day we were able to meet the 15 new members. We broke the ice with an intro game and some information on healthy relationships. In the afternoon, we had two more presentations from Center for Survivors staff. Stacy Riley addressed the group about dating violence and what occurs. DeAnna Rodriguez did a presentation on Culture and Diversity. She talked

about the different stereo types and how diversity is a part of every community. Revolution also played our annual capture the flag game, which was a great way to end the day !!

On the second day, Abbie discussed the issue of sexual assault with the group. This led to Erin Nahorny's discussion on ethical considerations, and how confidentiality is a huge part of being in Revolution. After lunch another Center staff member, Joann Hassebrook, gave the group some legal information about sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in the state of Nebraska.

Stacy Riley then gave a short presentation on how media and gender play a role in violence. The second day came to an end with an awesome obstacle course that brought all of us together as we laughed hysterically.

Theater training was held on June 22nd. Marc Baue, CHS Speech and Drama teacher, volunteered his time by helping us perfect each scene. The goal this year for the theater group is to have subs for each role. This would allow us to do more presentations without missing more school. Rehearsals are currently underway as we gear up for all our presentations



New Members

New members for 2010-2011

CHS: Andy Chavez, Skylar Dreesen, Oscar Rodriguez, Mollie Shevlin

Lakeview: Brandon Campbell, Austin Klug, Rachel Wernhoff, Leah Wurdeman

Scotus: Kelly Augustine, Gina Bose, Paige Harmeier, Andy Heusinkvelt, Ben Heusinkvelt, Stacia Rawhouser, Taylor Wiester



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/12/10: 6PM, MONTHLY MEETING
- 9/22/10: St. Paul/Centura presentation
- 10/14/10: Guidance Counselor Academy, Lincoln
- 10/17/10: 6PM, MONTHLY MEETING
- 10/22/10: West Point FCCLA presentation
- 11/4-5/10: David City Public presentation
- 11/14/10: 6PM, MONTHLY MEETING
- 11/15/10: CHS, 2 presentations
- 11/17/10: East Butler presentation, Brainard
- 12/8/10: Twin Rivers presentation, Genoa
- 12/12/10: 6PM, MONTHLY MEETING
(Possibly Cookies and Caroling)
- 12/10: Gift Wrapping TBA

Remember monthly meetings are mandatory!