

JUGHEADS

JUGHEADS to IJA Festival Cedar Rapids, IA • July 10–16, 2017

Thank you for attending this informational meeting on our 21st trip to the International Jugglers' Association (IJA) Festival! This year's IJA will be in Cedar Rapids, IA, and we'll be taking 25-35 Jugheads with 2–4 parent chaperones (Kevin Ashton is already planning on it!), plus Paul & Wendy Arneberg. We've heard from a couple of other parents who may be interested in chaperoning this year's festival; we'll continue the conversation (or let's start one) if you're interested. Please feel free to ask questions at any point throughout the meeting. Paul & Wendy will linger afterwards for personalized Q & A.

ABOUT THE IJA FESTIVAL: The IJA was founded in 1947 to “render assistance to fellow jugglers.” The IJA Festival is an all-around juggling experience, featuring appearances by some of the best jugglers in the world. Aside from brushing shoulders with the stars, we attend daily workshops, participate in games (endurance, speed passing, combat, 5K Juggling Road Race, etc.), competitions (Numbers, Juniors, Individuals, Teams, Individual Props, Busking Competition, X-Juggling), and have “open juggling” for about 4–6 hours every day. Usually on Wednesday night, the IJA holds the Youth Showcase (where some selected/willing Jugheads may perform) and Juniors Championships. Thursday is the typical night for the Individual & Team Championships. The festival climaxes with “The Cascade of the Stars” (Fri. or Sat.) and Games of the IJA on Friday *and* Saturday. Overall, the festival is a safe place for pure fun with our shared art/sport and good friends. (www.juggle.org)

A HISTORY OF JUGHEADS TO IJA: a synopsis of our past IJA Festival trips is available for 1st-timers.

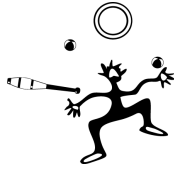
QUALIFYING STANDARDS: Eligibility to attend the festival is listed below in order of priority:

- 1) Membership in Ultimate Club, or
- 2) Currently serving as a club Assistant or Volunteer (aka Student Leader), or
- 3) Achievement of *half* of the Ultimate Club standards, or
- 4) Achievement of (or close to) the Elite standards, including excellent commitment, promise in juggling, and strong personal character.

If you are unsure whether your Jughead meets these standards, please discuss with Paul your child's qualifications.

2017 IJA FEST IN CEDAR RAPIDS: Monday, July 10–Sunday, July 16

- **Traveling to Cedar Rapids:** We will be busing to Cedar Rapids with Northfield Lines. It's about 4 hours away.
- **Tentative travel schedule:**
 - Monday, July 10:**
Meet at Concord Elementary School East Parking Lot at 8 am. Arrive in Cedar Rapids, IA, around 12:30pm.
 - Sunday, July 16:**
Depart from Cedar Rapids at noon. Arrive in Concord Parking Lot around 5pm.
- **Accommodations:** We will be staying at the **DoubleTree Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex**, 350 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. T: 1 319-731-4444. The hotel is directly connected to the convention center where the Festival is held. We can take an elevator, walk to the convention center and never walk outside!
- **Workshop Standard:** There are various workshops every day at the Festival. Jugheads should attend at least 5-7 hours of workshops. Preliminaries, competitions (e.g., Games), and performances count toward this goal.
- **Games/Competitions:** Numbers competitions are held throughout the week, and Friday and Saturday are dedicated to Games of the IJA. A 5K road-race will take place instead of the past format of a full juggling meet.
- **Shows:** All shows will be held either at the historic and recently restored Paramount Theater, three blocks away from the hotel/Festival venue or on site at the convention center.



- **Shows and Events at this year's Festival:** Welcome Show, Stage and Numbers Championships, Cascade of Stars, X-Juggling, Erik Aberg's Definition of Juggling Lecture, Individual Prop Competition, Busking (street performing) Competition, Water Skuggling, Flow Workshops, Juggling History Museum, and more!
- **Meals:** We recommend sending about \$200 USD along with your Jughead for food on the trip. For carrying cash, we recommend that Jugheads keep the bulk of their money hidden in a safe place in their suitcase and only carry what he/she thinks she'll need for that day. Meals while traveling on the bus will be at fast food locations. Breakfast is not complimentary at the hotel, but the IJA may be offering some free brunches.

CHAPERONE SHIFTS, DAILY CHECK-IN, CAMPUS WALKING, PROPS & CURFEWS

- The number of Jugheads signing up for the trip will determine the number of full-time chaperones that are invited and needed in addition to Paul & Wendy and Kevin Ashton. We will have an assigned group of chaperones for the morning shift (8 am–3 pm) and an assigned group of chaperones for the evening shift (3 pm–Midnight).
- Each day, Jugheads will check in with a chaperone in the lobby and head over to the Festival venue in groups, go out in small groups for meals, attend daily workshops, and attend the evening shows together. After the evening show, Jugheads will check in at a designated place to confirm who will be going back to the Festival and who will turn in for the evening.
- Jugheads should never walk alone outside of the festival venue and should always be accompanied by another Jughead (other IJA attendees, including JH grads, do not count). This includes bathrooms and transitions to/from the hotel room.
- JUGHEADS will purchase a vendor table again this year. This is primarily to organize our props & personals in our "camp;" we also display our yearbooks and may JugWare apparel for interested fans. ;-) Each night, the last Jugheads to leave the Festival will be responsible for cleaning and neatly stacking the props/bags in our camp.

SUMMER 2017 JUGGLING CAMPS

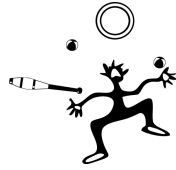
- Five (5) weeks of juggling camps precede our trip: **June 5–July 7**. In order to further build our group unity/friendships and actual juggling skills, please plan that your Jughead attends **at least five days of Advanced-Expert Juggling Camps (M-F, 1-4 p.m.)** to get us ready for this adventure. The principle is that we want every Jughead prepared for what will be a highlight of their juggling *year*, if not their juggling *career*. Our July 5–7 afternoon camp will be called "IJA Team Training Camp" and is required for U.C. if we make Teams, and recommended for Jugheads performing/competing in the Youth Showcase/Juniors/Teams.

18-YEAR-OLD JUGHEADS TRAVELING WITH THE GROUP

- Seven current members of Elite and/or UC will be 18 as of the IJA Festival in July. Age, experience, and cumulative trust warrant privileges and freedoms for these young adults. 18-year-old Jugheads are expected to follow our Code of Conduct at all times and travel with our group to and from the hotel and Festival venue.

SENDOFF MEETING

It has been our tradition to hold a final sendoff meeting the week before the festival for the Jugheads attending the festival and their parents. If you are interested in hosting an outdoor meeting and potluck dinner at your home for this purpose, please contact Wendy. The date has been set for **Wednesday, July 5, 6:00–8:30pm** (meeting from 6-7 and optional potluck dinner from 7-8:30 p.m.).



COST*

\$975 JUGHEADS IJA Festival Package (All-inclusive except for food.)

Includes lodging, bus transportation to and from Cedar Rapids, JH tuition, full IJA Festival Youth Package (gym pass, show tickets, T-shirt, membership dues), and group outing.

\$50 IJA Premium Package Upgrade

Guaranteed seat at each of five special “extra” stage shows in the Convention Center, one every night of the fest. The Festival Director has world-class stars like **Peter Davidson, Erik Aberg, Gina Shvartsman Cristiani**, and several more, after the evening theater show or competition. You’ll also receive a special Premium festival credential on a lanyard that takes the place of the entrance wristband. IJA is planning to charge \$10 each for the extra show tickets on-site. But some shows may sell out, so a Premium Upgrade is the only way to ensure that you will have a seat at every show.

COMMITMENT DEADLINE

The trip down payment of **\$475 is due by Friday, March 24**. This down payment and all subsequent payments are non-refundable, as we’ll book our bus and pay for festival fees beginning this month.

SIGN-UP AND PAYMENT PLAN

#1: \$475 is due by Friday, March 24

#2: \$500 is due by Friday, June 23

PLEASE informally confirm your child’s intentions to go ASAP so that we can forecast if we will reach our minimum of 25 Jugheads attending the trip.

Thank you for your interest in attending the IJA Festival with us. We know that many Jugheads dream of making such a trip; they’ve seen and heard of *many* Jugheads at *many* past festivals. We hope to continue our tradition of adventure, excellence, and group bonding for the 25–35 Jugheads who choose to travel with us!

Developing Youth Through IJA Festivals Since 1996,

Paul & Wendy Arneberg
JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Company, LLC

* These prices are dependent on 25 Jugheads registering for the trip. Final costs may need to be modified if we do not reach the 25-Jughead minimum.



JUGHEADS IJA Participation Agreement: Costs & Contact Info

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Cost

- \$ _____ **\$975 JUGHEADS IJA Festival Package (All-inclusive except for food: ≈\$200 sent in cash or debit cards.)**
Includes lodging, bus transportation to and from Cedar Rapids, JH tuition, full IJA Festival Youth Package (gym pass, show tickets, T-shirt, membership dues), and group outing.
- \$ _____ **\$50 IJA Premium Package Upgrade**
Guaranteed seat at each of five special "extra" stage shows in the Convention Center. (See packet for more description.)
- \$ _____ **\$750 Solo Room / \$375 Shared Room IJA Chaperone Festival Package (All-inclusive except for food.)**
Includes lodging, transportation to and from Cedar Rapids, full IJA Festival Package (gym pass, show tickets, T-shirt, membership dues), and group outing.
- \$ _____ **TOTAL**

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Please note: Once paid, payments are non-refundable unless we are able to find a replacement for your child on the trip.

Contact Information

Jughead's Full Name on Passport: _____

Adult T-Shirt Size (circle one): [S | M | L | XL]

Responsible Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Telephone Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

If Responsible Parent(s)/Guardian(s) is(are) unavailable, then contact:

Name/relationship: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Cell: _____

Medical Information

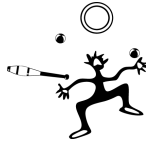
Health Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Medications: _____

Allergies: _____

Other Important Medical/Dietary Needs: _____



JUGHEADS IJA Participation Agreement: Permissions & Signatures

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Jughead Name: _____

Parental Permissions:

You MAY | MAY NOT administer to my child, non-prescription drugs (such as Tylenol/Advil/Motrin for headache or Dramamine for car-sickness) should my child so request.

My child has permission to walk to lunch or dinner in a small group of 3–6 Jugheads (unaccompanied by a chaperone) as long as he/she checks in with a chaperone before and after leaving, and the lunch/dinner location is within walking distance. If you do not check this box, a chaperone will be available to go to lunch/dinner with that small group. Minimum age to go to lunch/dinner without a chaperone is **14 years old**.

Jugheads 16 years old or older: My child has permission to attend one or both of the Renegade evening shows in a group of three or more Jugheads *without* a chaperone present. The shows will be held in a space in the same convention center as the rest of the juggling festival where chaperones will be present. The show generally begins at 11 pm. Alcohol is served at these shows, but minors are *not* served. Acts that perform are *not* screened, performers may be intoxicated, and the content can include vulgarity, cursing, and otherwise “Rated R” material. (Renegade Shows are *very* hit-and-miss with entertainment value.)

The undersigned parent/guardian hereby:

1. Consents to the above-named Jughead attending the IJA Juggling Festival to be held in Cedar Rapids, IA, July 10–16, 2017 with JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Company, LLC, under the supervision of Paul & Wendy Arneberg and the chaperones designated by them;
2. Affirms that the above-named juggler has no impairments or disabilities, whether medical, mental, physical, or chemical that would or will interfere with his/her participation in the IJA Festival.
3. Affirms that the above-named juggler has sufficient experience and expertise with public and private juggling, yo-yoing, and/or unicycling activities to accept, agree, and acknowledge that certain risks are inherently associated with participating in the IJA Festival. Therefore, on behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns, I agree to release from all liability, and furthermore to indemnify and hold harmless JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Company, LLC from any and all claims, losses, expenses, fees, including attorney fees, costs, and judgments that may be asserted by my child, myself or on my or my child’s behalf, as a result of or arising from injury to my child, and loss of or damages to my child’s property, resulting from his/her participation in the IJA Festival.
4. Consents to the release of photo or video images of the above-named juggler taken in conjunction with the IJA Festival for use in newspaper, magazine, television or other publications;
5. Has read the JUGHEADS Code of Conduct and agrees that in the event the above-named juggler violates the JUGHEADS Code of Conduct so as to require expulsion from the Festival and our group, the above-named parent or guardian will arrange to pay all costs associated with transporting the child back to his or her home within 24 hours of such notification.

Signed (parent/guardian)

_____ Date _____

Jughead’s Agreement:

I have read and understand the JUGHEADS Code of Conduct and discussed it with my parents and I agree to follow the rules. If I don’t follow the rules, you can send me home at my parents’ expense.

Signed (Jughead)

_____ Date _____

My first and second choices for roommates would be: 1) _____, 2) _____