



14th ANNUAL JUGHEADS TRIP TO MADFEST

Information & Registration

WHEN: January 12-14, 2018 (three full days!)

WHAT: MadFest is a regional juggling festival about as old as Minnesota's own MONDO Fest (circa 1990). Led by the Madison Area Jugglers (www.madjugglers.com), MadFest is one of the biggest and most beloved juggling festivals in the country. 27 of our current higher-level Jugheads went to MadFest last year, 15 of whom have *also* attended an IJA Festival with us (plus many with MONDO experience), so they know what to expect. For us, MadFest is the closest thing to *the* big IJA Festival (yet less than half as long and less than 25% of the cost). It's an effective three-day mid-winter boost in juggling skills and bonding as fellow Jugheads!

WHERE: Locations for MadFest 2018 are still being finalized, but typically the Friday night session is held at a Madison middle school and the venue for Saturday & Sunday is a different location such as a local high school or college. **The MadFest Juggling Extravaganza** (public show) is at 7 pm on Saturday night at the **Barrymore Theatre**, 2090 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI, 53704. Our hotel is downtown (see Itinerary).

WHO: MadFest attracts hundreds of jugglers from around the nation. Our team trip is designed for Ultimate/Elite/Advanced members (7th grade minimum*), offered as a privilege for high levels of commitment and as an encouragement of further team bonding. Our annual group consists of up to 35 kids registering first-come, first-served. Jugheads motivated and working every week at club will love the bonding time and extra time to juggle. *(Our last four years set a new bar in group unity and fulfillment!)* **Caution:** Jugheads going *merely* to hang out and stay up late (at the expense of our structured juggling & bonding time) will waste time and money. If you question your Jughead's fitness to attend, or how the weekend is structured, talk to Paul or Wendy and/or our chaperones below. **Due to their extensive camp experience and the rarity of younger kids in Advanced, one 5th grader and one 6th grader are included in this invitation.*

ITINERARY/FRIDAY'S STAGGERED DEPARTURE: *Friday:* The majority of the group will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of **Utley Park** in Edina (across from St. Stephen's) and leave as soon as vehicles are loaded with luggage and kids. At least **Captain Kirk's** vehicle will leave at 3:45 p.m., likely also from Utley Park (mark your preference on your form if choosing to depart at 3:30). After leisurely stops at the Woodbury **Kowalski's** and for lunch in **Tomah**, the early group will spend time at our 3rd-year hotel (**Hampton Inn & Suites-Downtown** • 440 West Johnson Street • Madison, WI 53703) before going to an early dinner and arriving at MadFest around 6 p.m. *Saturday:* We'll juggle all day (like MONDO) then go to the public show at night. *Sunday:* Sleep in, breakfast; MadFest Games; leave at 4:30 p.m.; home by 10 p.m. Public schools are not in session on Mon., Jan. 15 ☺.

COST: \$275* + food money. This covers transportation, hotel (with a buffet breakfast each morning), Saturday's group pizza dinner & public show, and JH tuition. Each Jughead should also bring about \$75 cash/debit card for weekend food (4-5 meals + snacks). This trip is like an IJA Festival, only with more proportional free time and a LOT cheaper (≈half the daily \$). Please pay \$150 by Fri., 12/8; the \$125 balance is due by Tuesday, 1/9/18. *If paying in full by 12/8/17, take \$15 off, making the total \$260 due to JUGHEADS.

CHAPERONES: **Paul & Wendy Arneberg** will lead the trip. Experienced parents "**Captain Kirk**" & **Michele Dunbar** (on their 6^h and 5th trips!) and **George & Susan Hadjiyanis** (rookie MadFest parents) have volunteered to drive/chaperone! We'll cover their mileage expenses, Saturday's dinner & show, and a portion of hotel expenses (depending on budget). If interested in chaperoning and/or driving for future trips, contact Wendy.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, December 8, 2017. You'll receive a mini-packet on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

REQUIRED 1ST-TIMERS' MEETING: On **Tuesday, Jan. 9,** we'll have a short meeting from **6:00-6:30 p.m.** in the Creekside Room at St. Stephen's Church. **This Jan. 9 meeting is required for first-time MadFest attenders** in order to introduce our first-time traveling Jugheads to our Code of Conduct, MadFest road & room assignments, and the itinerary. (If requested, Paul may offer an alternate meeting on Monday, Jan. 8.)



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Choose departure preference:

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- My Jughead may only go if he or she rides with another driver leaving at or around 3:45 p.m.

Signature of Jughead's Parent _____

Special need, request or comment (use the reverse if necessary):

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