

Juggle Jam

DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 (one month before Opening Night!)

TO: **All JUGHEADS Juggle Jam 19 (JJ19) performers and parents**

FROM: **Paul Arneberg**, JJ19 Director; **Wendy Arneberg**, JJ19 Producer

RE: **JJ19 FINAL MEMO and Checklist** on logistics & etiquette for Rehearsals and Performances

JJ19 REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES (May 9 & 16; May 19 & 20 at HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL)

Directions to Hopkins High School Auditorium (Our 9th year in this great facility!)

2400 Lindberg Drive - Minnetonka, MN 55305 *KNOW YOUR ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS:**

AVOID USING HWY. 169 (both directions) DUE TO MAJOR CLOSURES FOR ALL FOUR DATES!!***

- **April 20–May 18—After School Clubs:** Final club rehearsals. We'll run our routines in costume (even incomplete costumes) at St. Stephen's (**except** April 19-20— Emmaus Church in Bloomington; and April 21—Christ Pres. Church in Edina). Please stay 'til 5:45 p.m. every day (Ultimate=9 pm). **Reminder: There is NO Elite on May 9 & 16 and NO Friday Rec. Club on May 19 (Opening Night).**
- **TUESDAY, May 9, 6:00*–Staggered Departure (8:05-9:30 p.m.)—FIRST DRESS REHEARSAL at HOPKINS HS AUDITORIUM:** Jugheads should enter the backstage door to the auditorium (left door as you enter the lobby), place their bags in their designated club area, then gather in the seats in the FRONT of the auditorium for our important all-cast meeting. (**Please try to arrive a few minutes early so that kids can acclimate to the space and we can begin our meeting by 6:05 p.m.**) Toward the end of the meeting, Wendy, Elise and/or Eva will give a **special tour** of the backstage & balcony to **all first-year Jughead rookies** (who can often be overwhelmed!). We'll then stage "Rock This Town" and "Reach" with all performers and run through each club routine. Clubs will be dismissed after they have run through their routine, starting with Thursday Rec. at approximately 8:05 pm with the rest as follows: Monday Rec. (8:15), Friday Rec. (8:30), Elite (8:45 pm); Advanced (9:00); UC (9:30). Skits & Specialty Acts should sign up through Paul to rehearse on stage with Tom between 5-6 p.m. on 5/9, 5/16, or 5/19 (15 minute time slots).
- **TUESDAY, May 16, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL & CAST PHOTO at HOPKINS HS AUDITORIUM!** Wear your JJ19 T-Shirt and khaki shorts (or you will NOT be in the photo). After dropping off your prop/costume basket backstage, we'll **assemble on stage at 6:10** for our only large group photo, going down in history as "The Cast of JJ19." After the photo, we will do a complete run-through of our show, in order and in costume, with specialty acts and skits. (We'll begin and end with "Reach.") We'll end at 9:00 p.m., except UC. (UC goes till 9:30 p.m. in order to take our team photo and do two more run-throughs in costume.)
- **FRIDAY, MAY 19, 5:45–9:45 p.m. OPENING NIGHT!** Drop off your prop/costume basket backstage; **be ready and on stage by 6 p.m.** to warm-up with "Rock This Town". **Jugheads should come having eaten a good dinner.** Snacks are not allowed backstage, but you may bring a snack to eat in the lobby during intermission. The show ends around 9:40; you may leave *after cleaning up*.
- **SATURDAY, MAY 20—6:00–9:55 p.m. CLOSING NIGHT!** Same as Friday, except slightly later call and release times. Take your own stuff home. Parents who are able are encouraged to help clean up, bring things to the volunteer vans, and take down JH letters.

JUGHEADS ETIQUETTE (acceptable behavior) FOR JUGGLE JAM 19

GENERAL: No roaming hallways (you may be pulled from the show for this offense). During intermission, Jugheads may get concessions, but after intermission, go promptly back to the SAME SEAT in the balcony. No food or drinks (including water, unless brought in your own container with cap/lid) are allowed in the auditorium. After the show, clean up, meet your parents in the lobby, and bring your things home.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS / SLT / GRAD LEADERS: Respect them as you do the coaches. No talking back, no grumbling. If they say "Quiet," "Walk," "Move," etc., do it. Their job is **crowd control** for the sake of the performers and the audience, and you must obey.

BACKSTAGE / WINGS: Space is limited backstage, so each club will be assigned specific areas to place their costume/prop basket. In club rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and shows, don't make noise in the wings or otherwise distract the performers/audience. Also, keep out of sight of the audience (don't peek through the curtains). Cardinal rules of the wings: 1) No talking; 2) No juggling; 3) No sitting down.

LINING UP: The next act up will wait in the wings (stage left, stage right, or upstage center). The 2nd act up will wait in the hallway outside the stage. Student Leaders/Parent Volunteers will inform your group when it is time to line up in the wings, so be attentive. You may warm up your juggling in "the Warehouse" (far backstage area with a video feed). Tom and Betsy will float between the Warehouse & the wings.

ONSTAGE: Chances are you WILL drop. ☺ Practice poised recoveries. Don't break character. Don't change choreography or tricks, as this will mess up both you and your teammates. If you need to switch sides of the stage, use the back hallway if possible, or cross far upstage of the mid-traveler curtain (only during your own club's routine). **Never** cross *behind* the far back curtain near our big JH letters.



DRESSING ROOMS: The dressing rooms at Hopkins are not large enough to accommodate 105 kids at once. Clubs and specialty acts will have access to the dressing rooms in order of how soon they need to perform. Do not linger or hang out in the dressing rooms—once you are dressed, go to the Warehouse. All kids must store their things in their club's designated area (signs will be posted). Change at least three acts (or 20 minutes) before your club routine takes the stage. ALL Jugheads may use the dressing room bathrooms.

THE PROPS: You must put away your props after each routine, whether the JH props in our wagons/bins/bags or your personal props in your storage basket/bag/box. If possible, a few Elite Jugheads should use their own white balls for "Rock This Town" (RTT). (Everyone should use white balls for RTT, but you may have no choice of size.) After performing, return all props to buckets/wagons—don't throw them from a distance. Don't take anyone else's props. JH/EYJA props are not allowed outside the building or on the sidewalk. Label own props.

IN THE AUDIENCE: Whether in a club rehearsal, dress rehearsal, or the show itself, don't cross in front of the stage at any time (unless choreographed). Don't make excessive noise, especially during the Slide Show (the audience will be asked to hold applause until the end). All Jugheads will be required to sit in the balcony back rows AFTER their final club routine/specialty act is performed, props/costumes are put away, and dressed in his/her JJ19 T-shirt and khaki shorts. All Jugheads must stay there for the remainder of Act One and throughout Act Two (until the end of the Slide Show); only UC members, specialty acts and skits will be allowed backstage in Act Two before "Reach." To minimize distractions, chaperones will lead Jughead groups up to the balcony. You may *NOT* sit with your parents or other friends.

COSTUMES: Starting next week (4/24-4/28), costumes should be brought and used at every club. In case you still need shopping tips...

- **Online:** www.amazon.com, www.orientaltrading.com, www.buycostumes.com, www.anytimecostumes.com, www.costumecraze.com.
- **Norcostco:** 825 Rhode Island Ave S • Golden Valley, MN 55426 (763-544-0601). This is the best metro area costume shop.
- **Misc. local stores:** **Twin Cities Magic & Costume Co.** in West St. Paul (651.227.7888), **Ragstock**, **Goodwill**, **ARC**, and **Ax-Man**.

ASKING QUESTIONS: If you have a question on May 9, 16, 19 or 20, first ask: 1) a Student Leader, then: 2) a Parent Volunteer, then: 3) a Parent Stagehand, then: 4) Coach Tom or Specialist Betsy. Only ask Paul or Wendy as a last resort; they have much to manage.

TICKETS: Reserved seating tickets can be purchased through a link on www.jugheads.com. All seats are reserved.

JJ19 DVD: JJ19 DVDs are included for *all* Jughead members again this year, with a goal to have them mailed home by early August. At our dress rehearsals, member-families may order extra copies for \$15 each. DVDs will also be sold on show nights for \$25 each.

CHECKLIST for EVERY JUGHEAD for JJ19 DRESS REHEARSALS (May 9 & 16) & SHOWS (May 19 & 20)

___ **Khaki shorts** of any style, preferably with pockets, esp. for Friday Rec., Advanced, and Elite in "Rock This Town" (RTT).

___ **JJ19 T-shirt** (new tees will be distributed during regular club days April 26-May 8). **Wear your new T-shirt (and khaki shorts) to the Final Dress Rehearsal on 5/16 (all-cast photo).** *If you forget your JJ19 tee and/or khaki shorts, you will not be in the all-cast photo. Also, if you do not wear khaki shorts and JJ19 tee either show night, you will NOT be permitted to perform in RTT or Reach.*

___ **Laundry basket (preferred)**, duffel bag or grocery box (bags often rip) for prop and costume storage (label everything).

___ **Juggling equipment.** If possible, use your own white beanbags for RTT. (Most kids use JH/EYJA props, but sizes may vary.)

___ **Come having eaten a good dinner.** NO food or drink is allowed in the auditorium or backstage; you may bring food and eat in the lobby if needed.

___ **Costumes and Props** for club routines and specialty acts. (For clarification, email the student leader or coach in the description.)

- **MON. REC., "Phone Apps":** Costumes for various apps: Angry Birds, Fruit Ninja, Crossy Road, Candy Crush, Madden Mobile. (Eva Hadjiyanis emailevah@gmail.com)
- **THURS. REC., "Alternative Sports":** Costumes for various sports: Disc Golf, Lumberjacks, Hunting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Zumba accessories (all). (Steven Karschnia Steman45@gmail.com; Peter Holmquist (pwholmquist@comcast.net).
- **ADVANCED CLUB, "Newsies":** Earth tones for newsboys in 1899: short pants or pants rolled up to mimic knickers; suspenders; vests; fishermen's hats (ala "Fiddler on the Roof"); optional ties. (Elise Johnson elisemariejohnson18@gmail.com)
- **FRIDAY REC., "Peter Pan":** Specific characters: Children, Pirates, Mermaids, Lost Boys. (Josh Nelson josh.p.n99@gmail.com)
- **ELITE CLUB, "Shrek":** Character-specific costumes. (Coach Tom Gaasedelen thomas_gaasedelen@mcad.edu)
- **ULTIMATE:** The costumes are in question due to sizing and overseas shipping. JJ19 blue tees for the all-cast photo on May 16; also on May 16, we'll take our U.C. team photo in formal costumes around 9:20 p.m. (Costumes will be finalized by May 4.)
- **SPECIALTY ACTS & SKITS:** Costumes from the Showcase and/or Auditions. Some fast costume changes will be inevitable!