

JUGHEADS

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Juggle Jam 11 (JJ11) Notes

Essential Info. for 11-Week Countdown

SHOWS: Our shows are Friday and Saturday, May 15-16 in the Hopkins HS Auditorium. Kids need to be there by 5:45 pm; doors for the audience open at 6:30; the show runs from 7-9:30. **NOTE:** There is NO FRIDAY CLUB on Friday, May 15.

CLUB REHEARSALS: Every (Edina) school day until Juggle Jam is a full rehearsal (except May 5 & 13; see below). We're completing club choreography in March; April & May will focus on running our club routines and all-cast routines many times. Please try to stay at club rehearsals until at least 5:45 p.m. and inform Paul of **ANY** absences or *partial* absences.

ALL-CAST EVENING DRESS REHEARSALS are May 5 and 13 from 6-9 pm. Wear club T-shirts on **May 13** for our only all-company photo for '08-'09. **Let Paul know of tardies and absences.** **NOTE:** There will be NO REGULAR CLUBS on the days of our two all-cast dress rehearsals (May 5 & 13).

AUDITIONS: Any Jughead desiring to perform a solo or team routine for JJ11 needs to audition on **Tuesday, April 14 in Wooddale-Edina's gym.** (We'll add Mon., 4/13 only if necessary.) Every prospective act must perform in the 3/20 Winter Showcase and fill out an application by 3/27. Talk to Paul or call Officer **Brett Kissell** (952-922-7843) for more info.

SKITS: Coach **Scott Richter** and Officer **Brett Kissell** are heading up the variety introductions for JJ11. If any Jughead has a skit idea and/or is interested in participating, talk to Coach Scott or Brett ASAP. They'll firm up skit plans by mid-April.

TICKETS PACKETS were distributed to each Jughead in February. Jugheads who sell tickets can earn incentive prizes (see prize sheet), including a cast photo mug, a cast jigsaw puzzle, and a JH teddy bear. Relatives, friends, teachers, and fans come from all over the Metro and *other states* to see our annual show!

SLIDE SHOW PHOTO WEEK: All group and individual photos will take place in the last two weeks of March (3/16-27).

T-SHIRTS: Jugheads will receive a JJ11 T-shirt for each club to which they belong (purchased through spring tuition); parents should indicate size on the **Spring Tuition Form.** If we do not receive this form, we will *guess* at your child's size, running the risk of an incorrect size.

COSTUMES: Club routines are embellished by costumes: Monday aliens; Elite boy bands; Advanced Nintendo characters; Thursday fractured fairy tales; Friday Oz trilogy. Distinction and effort trumps complexity and expense. Everyone also needs KHAKI shorts and JJ11 Tees for our all-cast routines.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS: Juggle Jam is a huge production that is only possible with the MANY parents who volunteer their time. To make JJ11 possible, our hope is that a parent from each JH family will volunteer for **one of the show nights.** As a volunteer you do not need to purchase a ticket, but you should also expect to view a limited amount of the show. See the enclosed Parent Volunteer Sheet for how to volunteer.

Spring Club Tuition Due

Early registration deadline: March 14

Spring JH tuition covers April 6-June 5 and includes a JJ11 T-shirt. Register postmarked by 3/14 for a \$15 discount per Jughead, per club. Indicate T-shirt size and club code on the enclosed form. (If using PayPal, please email us your child's Tee sizes or send in the form anyway.)

CLUB	CODE	COST	OFF DAY
Monday Rec.	09SPR-MON	\$175	May 25
Elite Club	09SPR-ELITE	\$175	May 5*
Advanced Club	09SPR-ADV	\$175	May 13*
Thursday Rec.	09SPR-THURS	\$190	---
Ultimate Club	09SPR-ULTI	\$210	---
Friday Club	09SPR-FRI	\$155	4/10, 5/15*

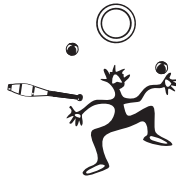
*No regular club those days, but mandatory evening events.

Officer Voice: Hanna S.

After 8 years in the program, I am entering my last few months as a Jughead and I've learned a lot (Reverse Cascade being one of my favorite tricks). But it isn't just the skills that I have learned over the years that made my time here so memorable; I have also learned how to lead and teach people, and how to gauge whether my actions will or will not impact others. I learned responsibility.

As an assistant, I've learned that teaching responsibility to people is not about driving notions of duty into their unsuspecting brains, but about leading by example. It's about dedication to craft. It's about showing up because other people depend upon you and about respecting others.

Jugheads has taught me a lot about being a leader, and I value that. I in turn plan to teach the up and coming officers and assistants like I once was. Besides, responsibility is a good skill to have in life. I've integrated my responsible nature into school, my workplace and my driving, all three of which I feel I excel in. Leading by example is working hard, showing up on time, and taking responsibility (there's the word again!) for my actions to get the response that I desire. When all people learn that having responsibility is not a burden, but a blessing, I feel



that youth will learn at an early age that responsibility is in fact a virtue that they should continue to nourish and help grow.

—Hanna S.: Officer, Mon. Rec. Assistant, 8th year Jughead, Senior

Looking Ahead to Summer & Fall

Consider now your camp & club involvement

Later this month, look for the registration form for our five weeks of summer juggling camps (6/8-7/10; no camp on 7/3). Also, parents eager to get a jump on registering for fall clubs can look forward to receiving a mailing around May 22. Please be aware that fall registration for Monday, Thursday, and Friday Clubs will open to the general public (i.e., incoming rookies for '09-'10) on Monday, June 8. Finally, Paul is already working on our roster of club assistants (8th-12th grade) for next year, so all current and potential assistants should discuss preferences of club days by April so that assistants' names can be included in our fall mailing.

JH Community News

- **WENDY** had a successful surgery on 2/19/09 to remove ovarian cysts and a uterine cyst (including a hysterectomy). She is recovering nicely at home, and we're praising God for preserving Wendy through the risks of this major surgery.
- **WELCOME to Ian L.**, 3rd grade Mon. Rec. rookie!
- **EDINA UNPLUGGED** (edinaunplugged.org) is Mon., 3/9. Monday Rec. will be held, but families may keep their children home to honor the event. Email us with absences / comments.
- **4th ANNUAL EYJA WINTER SHOWCASE:** As of 2/28, 19 acts will entertain folks like YOU on Friday, 3/20 from 7:30-9 p.m. at South View Middle School in Edina. It's a great way to kick off our exciting 2009 performing season, and it's FREE! Complimentary tickets & flyers are available at JH.
- **MONDO Jugglefest** was attended by 36 Jugheads and several grads. Among the highlights: six of our student leaders teamed up to go 1-2-3 in the speed passing contest! **Colin R. & Brenden Y.** won; **Ben H. & Hanna S.** earned 2nd; **Danny R. & David U.** earned 3rd.
- **SENIOR JUGHEADS'** families are encouraged to submit any juggling-related photos to Paul by 3/27 so that he can begin work on the JH11 Senior Presentation. These photos will help make the presentation more personal.

Paul's Platform

"Built-in Mentorship...the Good Kind"

10 years ago this fall, I opened up JH membership to include 3rd graders. My reasoning was that all three eager 8-year-olds had older siblings in the company and therefore had some idea of how our clubs are largely self-directed and dependent on each individual's progress. However, as 3rd graders' maturity and cognitive ability can be starkly different from my original 4th grade minimum, I had low expectations when **Ricky H., Brett K., and Jameson N.** became Jugheads in September 1999. I doubted their success in learning to juggle, let alone in thriving and sustaining long-term involvement. Remarkably, these three young men (all turning 18 within a month) have proven me wrong! In fact, Ricky and Brett have now been Jugheads longer than our youngest members have breathed the air!

Just like their initial reason for joining (following in their older siblings' footsteps), I believe that Ricky, Brett, and Jameson have stuck it out through senior year due to the "sibling" spirit that is shared among many Jugheads who look to this company as somewhat of an extended family. Over the years, each of them (along with many of their nine fellow seniors) have gone from "little brothers" to "big brothers," whether their roles here had official leadership titles or not. With our 10-year age range, it's not difficult to see evidence of built-in mentorship that continues to be passed down from one generation of Jugheads to the next.

Anyone can be a mentor and an influence; the question is, are our oldest Jugheads *good* mentors and *good* influences? I say, yes. Coming from a family of 48 first cousins and growing up in a neighborhood with dozens of kids, I will certainly attest that not all wide age ranges are healthy, and not all older kids are good influences. But I truly believe that those who do stick it out as Jugheads "for the long haul" do so both for the family-like atmosphere they've experienced and for the family-like atmosphere they hope to perpetuate. Our first-ever 10th year Jugheads are milestones for the company, but I celebrate them and their contemporaries not only as ends in themselves but as beacons of what their presence means to all those who come behind them.

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