

JUGHEADS

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15 Years Old and Counting

Youth Co. has rich depth, history

JUGHEADS (JH) started as a simple child care activity in 1994; became a full-time endeavor for this director in 1998; became an LLC in 2005 (moving to Colony Park Church); and continues a facility relationship with Wooddale Church begun in 2008. Now, this grassroots, mom-and-pop small business/tentmaker youth ministry has a remarkable sustainability fueled by kid passion, parent involvement, student leadership, paid coaching, and countless relationships & experiences among the hundreds of families involved over the past 15 years. Here are some stats for this year:

2009-'10 JH Company Stats At-a-Glance

2nd Graders:	1	8th Graders:	26
3rd Graders:	7	Freshmen:	17
4th Graders:	13	Sophomores:	8
5th Graders:	18	Juniors:	13
6th Graders:	19	Seniors:	4
7th Graders:	12	[Graduates:	23]

Total Current Jugheads: 138 (plus four "punchcard" youth)

Avg. Jughead Grade: 7.22nd; **Avg. Jughead Year:** 3.53rd

Returning Jugheads: 113; **Rookie Jugheads:** 25

Boys: 101 (73.2%); **Girls:** 37 (26.8%)

Sets of Siblings: 33 (totaling 70 Jugheads)

Edina Public Schools: 102 (73.9%); **Non-E.P.S.:** 36 (26.1%)

Cities of Residence: 12 (Bloomington, Burnsville, Eden Prairie, Edina, Excelsior, Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Richfield, Roseville, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, and Shorewood)

Coach Corner: Meet the Men

Five Coaches bring various expertise

In addition to **Director Paul Arneberg** and the **14 Student Assistants** spread among our six weekly clubs, five (5) hired coaches will help lead our weekly clubs! Tier 1 Coaches: **Scott Richter** and **Billy Watson** have opening and closing authority, coach multiple clubs and will sometimes be autonomously responsible. Tier 2 Coaches: **Ricky Harr** and **Ben Hestness** will co-lead Thursday Rec. with Director Paul on site, and **Specialist Coach Jon O'Connor** will offer expert instruction but no overall JUGHEADS responsibilities.



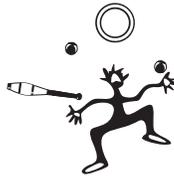
SCOTT RICHTER has been juggling for half of his life. Now in his third year of coaching school year clubs and summer camps, he is really looking forward to another great year full of growth and pushing the limits. This past summer, he began putting together his own show which he hopes to start performing by the end of the year. With a flair for the creative and a passion for performing, Scott takes new risks in order to fully entertain audiences to the best of his ability. Scott welcomes back all returning Jugheads and rookies alike and wants them to know they are all in for a great time.

BILLY WATSON has been affiliated with JH for 10 years. As a Jughead (Class of '07), he directed UC for three years (resulting in two IJA Teams bronze medals) and performed various Juggle Jam (JJ) solos, duets, and group acts. In 2003, Billy met his juggling mentor, Benji Hill, who encouraged constant practice (four hours a day) and a rigorous focus on proper technique. Billy's recent achievements: 2006 IJA Juniors bronze; 2008 and 2009 IJA Individuals silver; and coaching three JH acts to win IJA stage medals (Swatch, Nate Martin, and Ben Hestness). Billy is a junior at University of St. Thomas pursuing a major in Philosophy.

RICKY HARR is a first year coach for Thursday Rec. and is very excited for this opportunity. He was a member of JH for 10 years (since age 8!); if the Lord wills, Ricky's involvement in JH will continue for more time of his life. Ricky was a member of the 2009 Ultimate Club gold medal team in Winston-Salem, NC. He is a freshman at St. Thomas majoring in Criminal Justice. Juggling has been and always will be a huge part of Ricky's life.

BEN HESTNESS was a Jughead for six years before graduating in '09. He began his Jughead career in Thursday Rec., the club he is now coaching. Ben is primarily a competitive juggler: he received the 2008 IJA Juniors bronze; the 2009 IJA Teams gold with Ultimate Club; and several medals in IJA Numbers. Ben is a freshman at St. Thomas with an undeclared major.

JON O'CONNOR is in his 5th year working with Ultimate Club. A professional juggler & actor for over 25 years, Jon toured extensively as "Pyro" with his longtime juggling comedy trio, The Flaming Idiots. This November, the Idiots return to Off-Broadway in a long stint at The New Victory Theatre. Jon's vision to bring the UC back to the IJA Teams Championships proved fruitful in 2009, producing our first-ever Stage Championships gold. Jon has been married to Stephanie O'Connor for 13 years.



A Week of Precious Medals

Golden time had by Jugheads at IJA

Our 14th annual trip to IJA—Winston-Salem was historic! The following chronological accolades were only possible through our daily work right here in Edina. Special thanks to chaperones **Katherine Carney, Diane Harr, Kelsey Harr, Peter Hedberg, and Rich Lovdal.**

1. JOGGLING: 10 Jugheads, two graduates and a director came home with 33 medals spread among five divisions, with **Chris L. and Amanda R.** taking home the most medals.
2. YOUTH SHOWCASE: **Tom G., Amanda R., Combat Davey, Salt & Pepper,** and **Elite's Boy Bands** all performed to great ovations in the Youth Showcase.
3. JUNIORS: **Stefan B.** and **Jack L.** both competed against five other boys from four countries. It was Stefan's 3rd straight IJA Juniors bid; Jack earned the bronze medal with only one drop, marking the 4th year a Jughead earned a Juniors medal.
4. INDIVIDUALS: **JH Coach Billy Watson** earned his second straight silver medal in the Individuals Championships, with a theme of "Juggler's Playhouse" to music from Cirque du Soleil.
5. TEAMS: 15 Jugheads performed for 7.5 minutes with only three drops, making **Ultimate Club** the largest team ever to win IJA Teams gold! This historic feat is celebrated via new gym banners (with past finalists & medalists) and a trophy in our office.
6. NUMBERS: **Stefan B.** and **Ben H.** earned gold and two silver (duo rings, balls, and clubs, respectively); Ben won silver in solo clubs; **Sean C.** joined Ben & Stefan to win gold in trio club passing in the IJA Numbers Championships.
7. GAMES: There were many Jughead-related victories (incl. Team Combat, Club Speed Passing, and Running Club Juggling), with strong showings in Indiv. Combat and 5 Ball Endurance.
8. MISC. COMPETITIONS: **Tom G.,** Cigar Boxes; **Danny G.,** 3 Balls; **Stefan B.,** Xtreme Juggling.

Our photos & videos are at <http://gallery.me.com/jugheads>.

Company Notes

• **COMMUNICATION:** The Arnebergs are *discontinuing their 952-926-0896 phone line*; please call their cell phones for direct contact. Also, note that the Tier 1 Coaches' cell phones and emails are listed below in each *JUGHEADS Journal*.

Paul's Platform:

"The Company's Life of Its Own"

Not too many years ago, I felt the full burden of this company's life and death, success and failure, joy and sorrow. The sleuthful parent, Jughead or friend of the company can read my past columns online for a re-telling of many of our (and my) ups & downs.

Now, with five coaches and Wendy's 6th year of vocational support, I feel less burdened than ever that JH is dependent only on my will, my endurance, my vision. I once made a vow before God to not quit leading the company before the Class of 2009 graduated from high school. That date has passed, and God has not only sustained me to fulfill that vow, but I see no need to grit my teeth and gut it out when we have such strong professional and student leadership. Furthermore, the Jugheads themselves continue to be at the heart of our prosperity. The kids' love of JH is perhaps inspired by the coaches & assistants, but their peer friendships are at least equally powerful.

I am so grateful for the many layers of depth that continue to allow JH to thrive, and I see all the blessings, both golden and plain, to be evidence of God's will that this company is bigger than one man and bigger than the sum of our considerably talented and invested line-up of youth, parents, and staff. I'm glad to still be at the helm of JH and to increasingly share it with other leaders who make us stronger than ever.

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