

JUGHEADS

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Winter '14 Tuition Due

Register now (or soon!) for Jan. 6-March 28

The JH club tuition payment plan correlates to seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring. If you register by check postmarked by Mon., Dec. 16, you may reduce your winter tuition by \$20 per Jughead, per club. **Jugheads may not attend their winter club(s) until they re-register.** Below is a guide to each club code and cost. You may sign up via the **enclosed form** or **online** (without the discount). Make checks out to **JUGHEADS, LLC.**

CLUB	CODE	COST
Monday Rec.	14WNTR-MON	\$215*
Elite Club	14WNTR-ELITE	\$215*
Advanced Club	14WNTR-ADV	\$255
Thursday Rec.	14WNTR-THURS	\$255
Ultimate Club	14WNTR-ULTI	\$315
Friday Rec.	14WNTR-FRI	\$235*

*Monday Rec. will NOT meet on 1/20 or 2/17; Elite Club will NOT meet on 1/21 or 2/18; Friday Rec. will NOT meet on 3/7. Mega Camps are offered on all those days *except* for 2/17 (Pres. Day).

Officer Voice: "Perfection"

by Reid J.

This fall, we have successfully gone through two endurance contests in each club, standard testing, and warm-ups every week, all to get to this point in the year. And still we still have quite a bit ahead of us. Planning for Juggle Jam, grouping for Juggle Jam, practicing Juggle Jam, and performing Juggle Jam. It's daunting, and it's going to be great. But the trick with making this show from scratch is to continue improving. The point of the show is to organize our skills, to show them to others, and to have fun doing it. But as jugglers and friends, us Jugheads need to still improve during this process.

I don't know of any human who's perfect besides Jesus (and even He wasn't a great juggler I think!), but I haven't ruled out becoming inerrant yet, so I will still press on to what lies ahead. Clearly I haven't made it (anyone who knows me will quickly agree I make plenty of mistakes :-), and I don't know if it's even possible, but there is still the *hope* of perfection. We should try to eliminate error, in every part of life, including JH. And since I haven't seen anyone flawlessly juggle 10 flaming clubs while eating an apple and doing a backflip, we need to work to become better. Whether that means that this is the best time to learn how to pass 6 balls, or the best time to try to get that last Ultimate standard, we need to

concentrate on continuing to improve. And from what I've seen, it always takes work to get better. But more important than just juggling, JH is a place to become a better friend. With 140 or so people to meet, and 30 or so with whom to build relationships in each club, JH is a place to practice and hone skills with others. I'd encourage you to see JH as a training ground. Beyond choosing passing partners to improve a passing record, factor in building a relationship and community.

Come to events and festivals when possible, because we have some pretty awesome people here. Trust me, I've met them. Because as we get closer and closer to Juggle Jam, there will be less time for free juggling time, but if you look for it, there will be more time to talk with everyone in your club and get better at working with performance and people. So make the most of this upcoming Juggle Jam season. And so, if it's possible to become perfect, let's find out. Race you.

—Reid J.: 8th year Jughead; Ultimate & Elite member; Officer; Monday Rec. Asst.; Thurs. Rec. Volunteer

IJA Fest '14 at Purdue University

Campus Upgrade for 19th Annual Trip

The 67th IJA Festival will take place July 27-August 3, 2014 in West Lafayette, IN. It's our 19th year traveling and participating as a group, and this year's campus facilities promise to be even better than our enjoyable trip to Bowling Green last summer! This trip is open to Ultimate Club, student leaders, and Elite & Advanced Jugheads who exhibit *exemplary behavior and work ethic*.

A choice of two mandatory 45-min. info. meetings will be held **Tues., 1/28 and Thurs., 1/30** at 6 pm in our snack area for any Jughead considering attending IJA with us (one parent must attend).

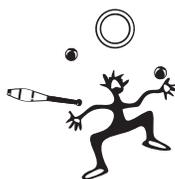
CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Thursday Rec. Club

Fresh energy, focus in eclectic club

With rare exceptions, the roster and culture of Thursday Rec. Club is hardest to predict each year. Ranging from 10-30 members, usually dominated by boys, and housing both rapid improvers and fledgling focusers, this club is what each year's roster makes of it. Taking on the mantle formally held by Monday

Rec. as the go-to club for new rookies, our recent influx of beginners after MEA Camps have breathed much new life into Thursday afternoons, and even our youngest, least-skilled members now see this as a home away from home. This year's JJ16 routine: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Jughead."

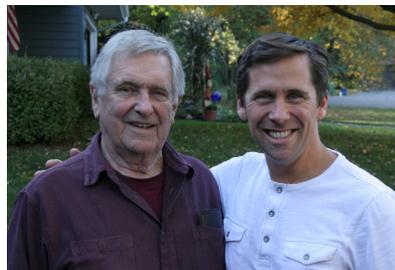




JUGHEADS Community News

- **Coach Stefan Brancel** is leaving us! He's graduating early from the U of M and applying to MD/PhD programs, but he's planning on traveling the world for five months before med. school! A Jughead for eight years ('02-'10) and a coach since then, Stefan has had a prestigious juggling career both in and out of JH. We'll miss him and wish him great success!
- In the wake of Stefan's departure, **Coach Kelvin Ying** is picking up Friday Rec. co-coaching duties, and 9-year Jughead and Class of '11 grad **Coach Chris Lovdal** will co-coach both Advanced and the now-larger Thursday Rec. Club from Jan.-June. Look for Chris' bio on our website!
- Speaking of **Coach Kelvin**, he'll be gone Dec. 16-20 at a conductors' conference in Baltimore, MD. An aspiring orchestra conductor, Kelvin will also be trained in St. Petersburg, Russia in April en route to starting grad school!
- **THE 9th ANNUAL EYJA WINTER SHOWCASE** is a free show for the public, featuring polished youth acts of *all* levels. We're planning on **March 21** at South View M.S. in Edina. Interested performers should consult with **Coach Kelvin** and preview their act *by* Feb 28. Work on your acts *now* in order to be best prepared & polished!
- **JJ16 Brainstorming:** Club routine themes have been chosen (see Winter Reg. form); now come characters & choreography! Starting this month, we'll progressively devote time to brainstorming & rehearsing for JJ16. (Remember key dates: shows on May 16-17; all-cast dress reh. on May 8 & 14.)
- **JINGLE JAM** is on Sat., 12/7, 5:30-9:30 pm at **Calvary Church** in Edina. Cost: \$12 + pot-luck goodies. Register by 12/5 via November's lime-green invitation or via our website.
- **Next Officer Meeting:** 12/7/13, 9-Noon at Claeys'.
- **MADFEST forms** (U.C./Elite) are due Thurs., 12/19/13.
- **MEGA CAMPS for Winter 2014** are from 9-5 pm on 1/20, 1/21, 2/18, and 3/7. Cost: \$60 w/lunch. Half-days: 9-12:30/1:30-5 w/o lunch, \$30. Register online or at JH.
- **Collector/Gift DVDs:** *Juggle Jam 6-15*=\$25 ea./2 for \$40.
- **MONDO 2014** will be **Feb. 28-Mar. 1** in St. Paul. We'll organize a big group on Sat., 3/1. Register in January!

Paul's Platform: "Born to Juggle"



My dad, Ron, turned 80 in October, and all five of his kids were present to celebrate with him. My mom, Audrey, would have been 80 on Nov. 18. (She died just shy of 52.) Since we couldn't celebrate my mom's 80th in the flesh,

I honored that date by wearing a shirt Wendy painted for me for Christmas 18 years ago: "Born to Juggle," with a baby in a stroller juggling a bottle, a ball, and a block with a "P" on it. When my mom gave birth to me, she didn't set out to nurture a future juggling director. However, she did work hard for my first 16 years of life to instill in me godly virtues, faith, linguistic and theatrical skills, a love for family, recreation, travel, and exemplary unconditional love that transcends health, wealth, life, and death. My dad didn't see his bouncing baby boy as a future entrepreneur working with kids in a vaudevillian art form, but he trained me in manhood, education, sports, frugality, citizenship, marital fidelity, and taking responsibility.

To my perspective, I was born with a thousand possibilities for my life's direction. However, from an eternal perspective, I believe that I was literally "born to juggle," inasmuch as God ordained my gifts and led me "in paths of righteousness for His name's sake" since my own Day One (see Psalm 23:3). Similarly, I have no idea for which specific purpose(s) that any of our 12 dozen current Jugheads were born, but that's not for me to know. All I know is that through God's grace, with the help of my coaches & student leaders, I'm passing along life lessons that will hopefully accumulate in kids' hearts and nudge them toward God's will for their lives. I was born to follow Jesus, and juggling is a tool. He knows not just what's *good* for me, but what's *BEST* for me. I don't believe in luck or coincidence. I believe that I'm called here, and that every Jughead has value and latent callings *from birth* that are developed through love and mentorship...and juggling.

Some of us may live 80 years; others will fall short. Regardless of our tenure on Earth, may we *all* say in the end that we fulfilled our callings—however unexpected they were—for our joy, others' good, and God's glory.

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