

JUGHEADS

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Winter '10 Tuition Due

Register now for Jan. 4-March 26

The JH club tuition payment plan correlates to seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring. If you register by check by Tuesday, Dec. 15, you may reduce your tuition by \$20 per Jughead, per club.

Jugheads may not attend their respective 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.	10WNTR-MON	\$170*
Elite Club	10WNTR-ELITE	\$225
Advanced Club	10WNTR-ADV	\$225
Thursday Rec.	10WNTR-THURS	\$225
Ultimate Club	10WNTR-ULTI	\$275+
Friday Club	10WNTR-FRI	\$205**

*Monday Rec. will **NOT** meet on 1/18 and 2/1, EPS school release days. Mega All-Day Camps are offered those days from 9-5 pm. Monday Rec. will also **NOT** meet on 2/15, Presidents' Day.

Friday Club will **NOT meet on 3/5, an EPS school release day. There is a Mega All-Day Camp that day from 9-5 pm.

+Ultimate Club tuition includes \$20 for the new personalized shirts for gigs & events and a \$30 lab fee for extra coaching.

Delegated Authority

Top level coaches take on additional duties

New titles have been added to "Tier 1" (top level) Coaches **Scott Richter** and **Billy Watson**. In addition to their responsibilities of each coaching three clubs a week, Scott is now the official Assistant Director for our annual Juggle Jam, and Billy is the Assistant Head Coach. Whereas Scott will lead specialty act development, JJ group choreography, auditions, and Winter Showcase advisement, Billy will focus above-and-beyond time developing our various standards (Rec. through Super-Ultimate) and standardize the way to incorporate technical juggling into solo and team routines. **Director's Note:** I acknowledge that as I expand my coaches' authority, not everyone will be pleased, especially those among our oldest and most experienced Jugheads. However, my delegation of duties to Scott & Billy is designed to benefit our company as a whole and bring relief to my former practice of being the only adult leader in charge. No two years in JH have been exactly alike, and this is a positive, forward-thinking change.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Thursday Rec.

Rebuilding year for middle school club

Judging by size and collective will, Thursday Rec. is by far the most laid-back club in our weekly line-up. However, even with a roster half as large as Monday or Friday, the potential for personal improvement has always been prominent on Thursday afternoons. Three of our four IJA Juniors medalists got their start in Thursday Rec. (**Billy Watson, Ben Hestness, and Jack L.**), and even those with no ambitions for our higher-skilled clubs still see this day as a fun oasis and social tradition. Two first-year coaches, **Ricky Harr & Ben Hestness** (JH Class of '09), now lead the club, and both report a thorough enjoyment of the kinetic, amusing, and surprising antics of the 18 adolescents under their charge.

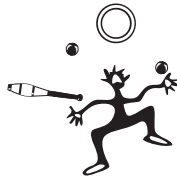


IJA Fest 2010 in Sparks, NV

To the skies again with top Jugheads

The 63rd IJA Festival will take place July 25-Aug. 1, 2010 in Sparks, NV. It's the 15th year that a group of Ultimate-level Jugheads will travel and participate as a team. Space permitting, JH Assistants or other 7th-12th grade non-Ultimate Jugheads who exhibit *exemplary behavior and work ethic* may be eligible to join us. A choice of two mandatory info. meetings will be held 1/28 and 2/2 at 6 pm in South Hall (our snack area)

for any Jughead considering attending IJA with us (one parent must also attend the meeting). The IJA Festival is a peak experience for many Jugheads, representing both an achievement from years of training and an opportunity for more success in and through juggling.



JUGHEADS Community News

- **WELCOME to new Jughead P. Sam S.**, 8th grader in Thursday Rec. Invited by his friends to join mid-fall, Sam already has impressive records and emerging friendships.
- Congrats to senior Jughead **Stefan B.** for making the All-State Soccer Team! He played in the Dome on 11/11.
- **The Eagles are here!** Congrats to brothers **Danny & Mikey L.** and honorary Jughead **Jasper A.** on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America! Danny is a junior at EHS; Mikey is a soph. at EHS; and Jasper is a soph. at Chippewa Falls HS in WI.
- **GOODBYE, JUGBUS:** After four years, we sold JUGBUS (our 15-passenger van donated by Paul's sister and brother-in-law, **Jean & Ernie Larrea** of Miami, FL). The van's size and expense proved impractical for its rare use. The Arnebergs are now a one-vehicle family and will apply the sale to a future vehicle serving both personal & JH needs.
- **Respect & Honesty:** A deep, globe-sized dent was discovered in South Hall, yet no student or assistant reported it to the coaching staff. Kids should "own up" to such mistakes.
- **THE ALL-JUGHEADS HOLIDAY PARTY** is on Friday, 12/11 at **St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School** in Edina. Cost is \$10 plus food to share. Register by 12/10.
- **Next Officer Meeting:** 12/12/09, 9-Noon at Bades'.
- **Ultimate/Elite MadFest forms** are due 12/17/09.
- **WINTER 2010 MEGA ALL-DAY CAMPS** are from 9-5 pm on 1/18, 2/1 and 3/5. Cost: \$55 w/lunch. Half-day option w/o lunch is \$25. Register online or at JH.
- **THE EYJA WINTER SHOWCASE** is a free show offered to the public featuring polished JH acts of **all** levels. Pencil in Friday, 3/19 at South View in Edina. (We're unable to reserve Edina theaters until two months prior to target dates.)
- **MONDO 2010**, a regional juggling & unicycling festival held at Concordia University in St. Paul, will take place **April 16-18, 2010**. Options to attend with our group are Friday night (Ultimates only) and Saturday (up to 50 Jugheads, all levels). Look for registration form in February.
- **JUGGLE JAM 12 (for all weekly Jugheads):** Friday & Saturday, **May 14-15** with all-cast dress rehearsals on **Tues, May 4 & Wed., May 12** from 6-9 p.m. at **Hopkins High School**. Mark the dates! Please email Paul with conflicts.

Paul's Platform: "Friend or Authority?"

One of my favorite examples of my brother Jim's development both as a young boy and as a father of four relates to an exchange he had as a 6-year-old with our dad. Through tears over a decision of Dad's, Jim told him, "You're not my friend." Dad replied, "That's right, I'm not your friend, I'm your father. You have plenty of friends, but only one father." Looking back with wisdom acquired through maturity, Jim discerns that while Dad wasn't denying *any* form of friendship with his 4th born child, he was simply stating that if his role as father was challenged by his role as "friend" to his kids, his role as father (i.e., the principal authority figure) **must** win out--for the sake of his children. In addition to raising five kids, Dad (Ron Arneberg) worked for years as plant manager for Sperry Univac and then Unisys. Now 76 and retired in Shoreview, MN, he comments on being a leader: "You can be *friendly*, but authority comes *first*. You don't have to be *mean*, but you need to be the authority."

Another Minnesotan, Olympic hockey coach Herb Brooks (via Kurt Russell in *Miracle*), put it like this: "I'll be your coach; I won't be your friend. If you need one of those, take it up with Doc or Coach Patrick here." As the film unfolds, there is indeed a relationship between Coach Brooks and his young Olympic players, but only as a result of, not at the expense of, his role as coach.

Having turned 40 this year, I've not commented excessively on my milestone. However, one subtle change I'll share is that I've been slowly (and perhaps subconsciously) receding from my former desire to always be popular and liked by the kids as opposed to being thick-skinned and a bit distant due to the nature of my role. With the number of coaches, student leaders, and Jughead members, *someone* has to be in charge, and when I'm not the one, I look to my coaching staff. Despite the conditioned instinct to being "friends" with the Jugheads in their respective clubs, even the student Assistants realize that their authority as student-workers needs to trump their desire to always be popular and peer-like.

My daily moments interacting with kids of all ages in personal ways helps to keep joy in my work. Ironically but not surprisingly, the more involved kids become as Jugheads, the more potential there exists for conflict and higher expectations (some of which go unmet). That's perhaps when kids, most notably teens, need authority figures first and "friendships" with their adult-leaders second.

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