



JUGHEADS

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EYJA Showcase: 3/19 at S.V.M.S.

Acts must preform for Coach Scott by 2/26

The 5th annual EYJA Winter Juggling Showcase is Friday, March 19 at 7:30 pm at **South View Middle School** in Edina. This 90-minute show is free and open to the public. About 27 acts have expressed interest in performing; the next step is for each act preview their routine for **Coach Scott Richter** by 2/26. The cast will be contacted in early March. Plan on attending this young tradition with your whole family!

JJ12 Ticket Sales —by Wendy Arneberg

Reserved tickets among changes for 2010

Juggle Jam 12 (JJ12) is quickly approaching (May 14 & 15), and plans are underway for a new system for selling tickets for the show. In past years, 90% of the sales were done by Jugheads themselves: we gave each Jughead a packet of tickets up-front and they turned in money to us as tickets were sold. Tickets sold were valid for either night of the performance and the number of people who showed up each night always seemed to work out.

Because we were practically sold out for both performances last year (it was a nail-biter as people poured in at the last minute), we are moving to a new system that will allow us to know exactly how many pre-show tickets are sold.

There are two ways to purchase tickets for JJ12: 1) online for reserved seating, and 2) member Jugheads selling general seating for specified nights. The front half of the auditorium will be dedicated to online reserved ticket sales, and the back half of the auditorium as well as the balcony will be dedicated to general seating tickets. General seating tickets will be available for Jugheads to sell sometime in March. Reserved seating will be available to purchase online beginning April 5, the Monday following Edina's Spring Break. Mark your calendar and buy early for the best seats!

Ticket prices will be as follows: Reserved Seating, \$15 Adults, \$10 Students (this price increase over previous years reflects the cost of using a service). Advanced Sales General Seating, \$10 Adults, \$6 Students (no increase

from previous years). If you are interested in helping a team of parents coordinate this new endeavor, contact me. Other opportunities to help with JJ12 will be distributed in the March issue of the JUGHEADS Journal.

2010 Summer Camp Preview

A word on registration, coaching, assisting

Summer camps are the very birthplace of JH, as Paul taught three 4th graders to juggle at a Wise Guys morning camp in July 1994. Those kids formed the core of our first juggling club in Fall '94, and the rest is history. Summer camps continue to be our company's ideal place to be introduced to or further immerse in juggling skills; one child even traveled from Washington State for two weeks of camps last summer! Here are a few details to consider as we open summer camp registration in mid-March:

1. Juggling camps will be held over six (6) weeks this summer: June 14-July 23. While a full week of mornings is recommended for all first-time campers (for the accumulative effect of learning a new skill), most member Jugheads attending camps choose the punchcard option for maximum flexibility: a half day here, a full day there.
2. We encourage registering for camps by the end of April so that we can adequately staff for coaches and assistants. As an incentive, we will offer earlybird coupons.
3. Up to six coaches (one or two at a time) will be staffed for each morning and afternoon summer camp.
4. Instead of having 20+ assistants working a few days each, the goal is to limit our assistants to 10-12 students who work at least two-four weeks each, with priority given to school year club assistants. Those looking to gain assistant experience will be treated as volunteers with no tuition-based compensation. Ideally, this will be a summer job for the core of assistants accepted to work this summer, giving continuity for the campers and an intership-like experience for the assistants. Request a Summer Assistant Application; app's due 4/30.



Jugheads enjoying the traditional stop at Humbird Cheese on the way to MadFest in Madison, WI.



We realize that there are *many* choices for summer youth activities, and the coaching staff is thrilled that so many kids (led by member Jugheads) make our summer camps a priority. Look for the reg. next month; sign up early and often! :-)



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Thursday Rec.

From Entry Level to Ultimate-in-Training

Along with Elite Club, Thursday Rec. is in an experimental year of minimal involvement by **Director Paul Arneberg**. Fresh from their '09 EHS graduation as Jugheads, rookie **Coaches Ricky Harr** and **Ben Hestness** have teamed up to lead this smallest JH club through laid-back yet opportunity-rich Thursday afternoons. While Paul works out of the gym office providing support for the first-year coaches, the young men have the opportunity to immerse in coaching responsibilities, parent interaction, snack time, game time, and all of the details of daily club leadership. As for the club itself, Thursday Rec. has no standards and lower expectations than the Advanced or Elite Clubs, but JH "greats" such as **Coach Billy Watson**, **Coach Ben Hestness**, and EHS junior **Jack Levy** all got their start in this club focused on middle schoolers. Following on the heels of their hit "Story-book" routine for JJ11, Thursday's JJ12 routine should prove to be entertaining as well: "Deceased Celebrities."

JUGHEADS Community News

- **Welcome to THREE (3) mid-year rookie Jugheads! Jack K.** (5th) and **Claire K.** (3rd) were admitted to Monday Rec. after months on the waiting list; **Henry B.** (4th) is new to Friday Club, quickly achieving several standards.
- **MARCH 5, LAST RELEASE DAY CAMP:** 9-5 pm w/lunch, \$55; 9-12:30 pm (Coach Paul) or 1:30-5 p.m. (Coach Billy) w/o lunch, \$25. Please register by 3/4 if possible.
- **REMINDERS:** NO Monday Rec. on 2/15 (Presidents' Day); NO Friday Club on 3/5 (EPS school release day).
- **OFFICERS, 9-Noon:** 2/13 at Arnebergs'.
- **IJA Festival down payments** are due by Fri., Feb. 19.
- **MONDO** is **April 16-18** this year. Registration forms will be available in the JH office or via email; reg. deadline is 3/12.
- **JUGGLE JAM 12: Shows** are May 14 & 15. **Dress Rehearsals** are May 4 & 12. **Auditions** are April 13 in our home base gym (Wooddale-Edina). Prospective JJ acts must perform in the EYJA Showcase and fill out an app. by 3/26.

Paul's Platform

"Life Lessons from *Groundhog Day*"

For years, I've maintained a Top 100 Movie List just for fun. One of my 10 criteria describes a top-ranked movie as "uplifting, inspirational, and motivational to improve my life." Ranking #38 on my list is *Groundhog Day* (1993; PG for thematic elements) starring Bill Murray as Phil Connors, a man living the title day over and over again. No one but Phil remembers his actions from the previous day. In a purposely ambiguous timeline (i.e., we don't know how many months or even years Phil is stuck in the repetition of February 2 where only he changes), Phil goes from confusion to hedonism to despair to self-improvement and selfless (but not random) acts of kindness. He develops new skills both to "pass the time" and eventually to bless others, including card throwing, literature, chiropractic, marriage counseling, roadside assistance, ice sculpting, and jazz piano. Many people of faith (including myself) resonate with the meaning of life in the movie as it pertains to both service of others and individual growth as essential ingredients in personal fulfillment. Phil's heart changes in his desire to *serve* others rather than *use* them for his own whims, and part of his service includes playing the piano at the Groundhog Party and creating an ice portrait of Rita, his love interest.

I admit that I have an ongoing desire to master (or at least pursue) new skills such as playing the banjo, pursuing a graduate degree, and learning new professional skills ala *Groundhog Day*. I hope to pursue one or more of these areas now that I'm in mid-life like Phil Connors. As for the Jugheads, the coaches and I are constantly encouraging them to make the most of their time here, whether that be a few months or 10 years. Pursuing and mastering "frivolous" skills such as juggling can be very useful in blessing others in unexpected ways. Self-improvement need not be mutually exclusive from selfless (designed) acts of kindness. A balanced life involves pursuit of both loving people and of personal excellence.

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