

# JUGHEADS

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## JJ12: A Natural High!

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The success of JJ12 was built on specific improvements in recent years (pacing, talent, themes, venue) with the fruit of elation evident in audience members and performers alike in our annual “natural high.” For this director, JJ12 was specifically marked by the lowest-levels of stress ever, due to our increasingly creative and efficient producer (**Wendy Arneberg**); our highly invested asst. director and asst. head coach (**Scott Richter & Billy Watson**,

respectively); Thurs. Rec./U.C. coaches (**Ricky Harr, Ben Hestness & Jon O’Connor**); a team of 13 student assistants; and a team of dedicated parents, some of whom volunteered for one night and others who’ve been at

the same post for many years. Consider: former JH mom **Darcy Wiklund** has been a stagehand since JJ3, and **Danny & Lai Ying** have run the merchandise table since JJ2000! Especially moving this year was the dedication of **Rich Lovdal**, who left the bedside of his dying mother in order to work the curtains for Friday’s show. Rich expressed that JH is very important to his family, so both he and Ultimate/Elite son **Chris Lovdal** freely chose to participate. Rich was able to return to his mother’s side and see her enter eternity less than three hours after Friday’s closing curtain.

Our club routines (Deceased Celebrities, Classic Cartoons, Board Games, Jugga-wockeez & The Sound of Music) received many accolades due to character/costuming, juggling innovation, and audience appeal. Ultimate Club, rebuilding between IJA Championships bids, performed an all-new routine set to music by **Mike Donley** commissioned by the **EYJA**. Specialty act auditions in April had the most polished line-up ever to make JJ, and they delivered at showtime: the intricate teamwork of **The Fireflies, The Moettus Sisters, TARP & The Five of Clubs** and the diverse solo prowess of **Jack L., Stefan B., Amanda R. & Danny G.** Asst. Director **Scott Richter** headed up the skits, once again providing a seamless and often silly flow between the wide variety of

juggling acts. “Rock This Town,” the Slide Show, and “Reach” remain the bookends of JJ, providing historical continuity and a range of emotion that represents the ups & downs, joys & bitter-sweetness of this company.

JH isn’t all about JJ, but it’s a special thing to have such a dramatic way to celebrate our company. What a community effort! *NOTE: Thank you to for the gift presented to us on Saturday night. We are so grateful for your ongoing support of our calling. —Paul & Wendy*

## Looking ahead to 2010-2011

### • JJ13 Dates Already Set!

Mark your calendars for JJ13: **May 13 & 14, 2011** at Hopkins High. Dress rehearsals will be held the evenings of May 3 and May 11.

### • Fall 2010 Registration:

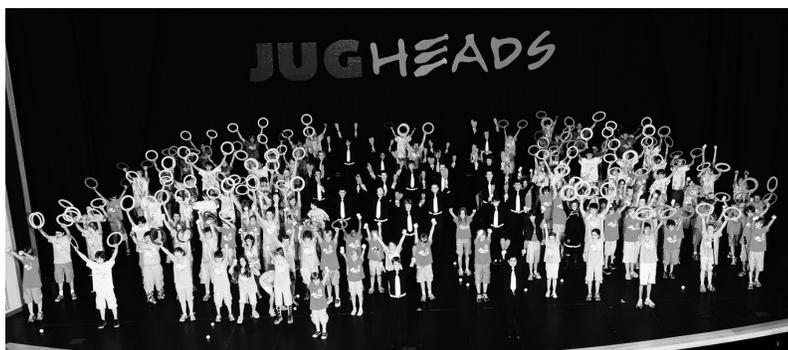
See enclosed form detailing the registration process which opens to current members on 5/26. All clubs (except Ultimate) will fill first-come, first-served. The Rec. Clubs will open to all new rookies on 6/14—

that includes sibs of current Jugheads and former Jugheads returning after a year + hiatus.

## Coach Corner: Scott Richter

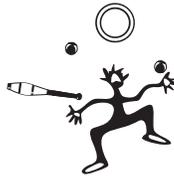
“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” As I read these words in Ephesians 2:10 (ESV), I realize that JH is something that God prepared before the foundation of the world for the benefit of many. I have been part of the JH community for 8 years now; 5 as a student, and 3 as an on-site coach. I have been incredibly blessed to be apart of something that I truly enjoyed coming to every week as a student, and still continue to enjoy as a coach on the other end of the spectrum.

I owe Paul and Wendy all the thanks in the world for providing me with an arena in which I developed a love and a calling for juggling, as well as providing me with work as an adult that I have enjoyed immensely. My prayer and deepest hope is that all would see why JH exists and why it continues to grow and be such an influential part of so many lives. I am going



The final pose of “Reach” in Juggle Jam 12. Photo by Tim Boatman.





to be extremely bold and say that the reason is solely because of the Love and blessing of Jesus Christ. He has blessed JH and established its very roots to spread His love through something as crazy as throwing stuff and catching it before hitting the ground. I want everyone who is, was or ever will be involved with JH to know that the heart of the company is the very heart of Jesus. I pray that I have modeled this in my time here, and am very excited to know what other callings lay before me. Just as Ephesians tells us that God has created us for good works, I know good works will continue to happen out of the blessing that is the JUGHEADS Youth Juggling Company. God bless you all and thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives! I love and will remember you all. —Coach Scott

—Scott Richter: Five-year Jughead (2002-'07); three-year coach ('07-'10)

## Bulletins

- **SUMMER JUGGLING CAMPS:** Forms are available on our website for our six weeks of juggling camps (June 14-July 23). Campers of all levels see *leaps* in abilities in just a few days invested in camps. **Coaches Paul, Scott & Billy** along with graduate **Kelvin Ying** ('07) and assistants will lead the camps.
- **JJ12 PARENT PLANNING TEAM RECAP MEETING:** Sat., June 5, from 9-11 a.m. at the home of **Brigid Spicola**.
- **TWO GIGS @ WOODDALE CHURCH-E.P.:** We're performing at all three a.m. services at Wooddale's Eden Prairie campus on Sunday, 6/20. We're also performing for Wooddale's Choir Banquet on Wed., June 23. JJ12/EYJA Showcase acts interested in performing? Contact Paul by 6/11.
- **ULTIMATE CLUB DRIVE-IN:** Sat., 6/26. Look for email.
- **IJA-SPARKS TEAM:** Keep posted for a send-off meeting July 20 or 21; final payment is due June 25.
- **PARADE:** Edina's 15th annual parade is Saturday, July THIRD (3rd). Up to 50 Jugheads may sign up by emailing us.

## Paul's Platform

### "Two Kinds of Endurance"

We've come to the end of another school year...another Juggle Jam...another graduating class...and begin another wonderful season called "summer" to buffer the inevitable transition to a new stage of development for each youth. As I reflect on the ups & downs of this year, along with some milestones, retirements and resurgences, I observe that endurance is a virtue, and there are (at least) two kinds of endurance reflected in our juggling company: quantity endurance and quality endurance.

**1. Quantity endurance.** Despite my no-nonsense approach to directing the annual JJ and most weekly rehearsals, I'm amazed at how relatively few kids are absent due to illness or disenfranchisement. Each weekly club averages about 34 days from September through early June, plus special events and the JJ itself. It's a virtue to stick with an activity even for a single school year while having to submit to the group plan (through coaches and assistants) and/or struggling through lack of personal improvement.

**2. Quality endurance.** Add to the sheer number of months or years here above-and-beyond participation, such as: putting forth oneself as a servant-leader (whether with a title or not); attending camps & trips; performing in the Showcase and JJ; and continually progressing and reinventing one's skills, and endurance as a Jughead can be measured in terms of *progress* along the way, not merely number of years or a perfect attendance record.

In running terms, these two kinds of endurance can be likened to goals in running a marathon. 1. "To finish." 2. "To race with a time goal (Boston qualifier; age division placement; Olympic Trials)." Just as the modern marathon is big enough to include runners and goal-seekers of *all* types, I'm glad to see that JH is big enough to encourage kids at *every* level toward goals both large and small, quantitative and qualitative. Whether moving on like Coach Scott and our four grads (and underclassmen needing/choosing to discontinue) or looking forward to involvement in the fall, may we all endeavor to "run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1, ESV)

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