

JUGHEADS

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Winter '13 Tuition Due

Register now for Jan. 2-March 28

The JH club tuition payment plan correlates to seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring. If you register by check by Dec. 14, you may reduce your winter tuition by \$20 per Jughead, per club. **Members may not attend winter clubs until re-registered.** Below is a guide to each club code and cost. You may sign up via the **enclosed form** (checks made out to JUGHEADS, LLC) or **online** (no discount).

CLUB	CODE	COST
Monday Rec.	13WNTR-MON	\$210*
Elite Club	13WNTR-ELITE	\$210*
Advanced Club	13WNTR-ADV	\$275
Thursday Rec.	13WNTR-THURS	\$275
Ultimate Club	13WNTR-ULTI	\$325
Friday Rec.	13WNTR-FRI	\$230*

*Monday Rec. will NOT meet on 1/21 or 2/18; Elite Club will NOT meet on 1/22 or 2/19; Friday Rec. will NOT meet on 3/8 or 3/29. These are release days for Edina Public Schools. Mega All-Day (or half-day) Juggling Camps are offered on 1/21, 1/22, 2/19, and 3/8.

Officer Voice: Reid J.

I love Jugheads (JH). It's fun, carefree and is always an anticipation to look forward to in my week. But as I continue my 7th year in JH, I have to keep in mind the reasons I have stayed in this rather unusual activity for so long, and I have to remind myself to keep juggling a priority in my life. It's not hard to think of my reasons; the coaches are great, and each of them has become my friend or mentor. The other club members have encouraged me, helped me with juggling, and taught me how to seek out new friends. This has been true from the start. When I joined as a 4th grader from Minnetonka, I knew no one. Being a rather self-conscious kid, I was the kid to juggle in a corner, maybe asking Paul for help if he didn't look too busy. And even though it looked like I didn't have much motive to continue, I stayed with it, but not just because of friends or because juggling was an amusing pastime. The real reason I stayed was the atmosphere of JH. From the start, after going to JH I've always left feeling more encouraged, fulfilled, and confident than before. This attitude has been the driving force behind each activity or event: Juggle Jam, Jingle Jam, and every weekday club. Even in events with people from JH outside of juggling (like going to the *Harry Potter* movie, or the

Boys' Bible Study over the summer with Paul), I have preferred hanging out with Jugheads more than almost every alternative. JH is there to be a place to achieve, to challenge yourself, and to step outside your box. More than that, JH is a place not only to be filled, but also to overflow on others. So beyond simply impacting friends, I've tried to continue this legacy by becoming an assistant and helping younger jugglers. I try to impact them in the same way I was impacted: I help kids learn how to juggle both balls and priorities, and show them how to act both on stage and in life. So even as we move into the second half of the JH year, I am reminded of the reasons I stay in this, and how important JH is to keeping me living life to the fullest.

—Reid J.: 7th year Jughead; Ultimate & Elite member; Monday Rec. Assistant.; Officer; H.S. sophomore

IJA Fest '13 in Bowling Green, OH

Campus Convenience for 18th Annual Trip

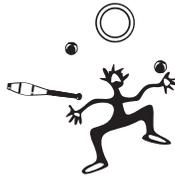
The 66th IJA Festival will take place July 14-21, 2013 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH. In order of priority, this trip is open to Ultimate Club, student leaders, and Elite-level Jugheads who exhibit *exemplary behavior and work ethic*. A choice of two mandatory 45-min. info. meetings will be held **Tues., 1/29 and Thurs., 1/31** at 6 pm in South Hall (our snack area) for any Jughead considering attending IJA with us (one parent must also attend).

CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Thursday Rec. Club

Mid-week Rec. Club expands age range

Due to a 12-person waiting list for Monday Rec. in September, Thursday Rec. became the necessary "overflow" club for the young kids who didn't want to wait for a season (or sometimes longer) to get in. Even as spots have opened up in Monday, the young rookies have stayed, proving that Thursday Rec. has a life of its own! On the older end of the spectrum, this club boasts several 8th-12th graders who love coming and even love the age range. Never boring and always kinetic, Thursday Rec. has an ongoing tradition of being a haven for kids whose ability levels are as diverse as their ages. This year's JJ15 routine: "Americana." Thursday Rec.





JUGHEADS Community News

- **JJ15 Brainstorming:** Club routine themes have been chosen by the Coaches & Officers. Now come characters & choreography, then costumes! Starting in January, *part* of each club day will be devoted to rehearsal time. (Remember key dates: May 17-18, with all-cast dress reh. May 9 & 15.)
- **THE EYJA WINTER SHOWCASE** is a free show for the public, featuring polished youth acts of *all* levels. We're shooting for **March 15** (back-up: March 22) at South View M.S. in Edina. Interested performers should inform a coach by Feb. 1 and preview their act by March 1. Work on your acts *now* in order to be best prepared & polished!
- **JINGLE JAM** is Fri., 12/7, 6:30-9:30 pm at **Sky Deck in M.O.A.** Cost: \$20. Reg. by 12/5 at JH, by mail, or online.
- **Next Officer Meeting:** 12/8/12, 9-Noon at Bowlin's?
- **JH Store for stocking stuffers?** Check our website update of our *expanded* juggling props & JJ6-14 DVDs in stock.
- **MADFEST forms** (U.C./Elite) are due Tue., 12/18/12. *NOTE: Our minimum number to hold the trip is 15 kids.*
- **MEGA CAMPS for Winter 2013** are from 9-5 pm on 1/21, 1/22, 2/19, and 3/8. Cost: \$60 w/lunch. Half-days: 9-12:30/1:30-5 (w/o lunch), \$30. Register online or at JH.
- **MONDO JuggleFest 2013** will be **Feb. 15-17** in St. Paul. Options to attend with our group are Friday night (invite only) and all day/eve Saturday. Register through your Jan. newsletter.

Paul's Platform: "An Unexpected Journey"

Wendy & I are big BIG fans of J.R.R. Tolkien and his classics *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Although I'm not an avid reader in general, we've read (and listened to!) both novels numerous times, and we prioritized a Middle-Earth theme when we built our home theatre, "ArneStar," in 2004. I even won a costume contest through The Minnesota Orchestra when I dressed up (and acted like) Gimli for "The Lord of the Rings Symphony" in 2006! Needless to say, we're beside ourselves with excitement about *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, to be released in theatres in two weeks. If the Lord wills (James 4:15), our biggest test of fandom will go way beyond seeing the midnight show at 12:01

a.m. on Dec. 14: Wendy & I are saving up for a 20th anniversary adventure to New Zealand to explore the islands where all six films were (and are being) made!

Far beyond this merely being an indulgent column about one of my geeky hobbies, I believe there are many parallels between Bilbo's adventure and the experience of each Jughead & coach as well as Wendy & me through this company. Nearly every Jughead starts with an eager (and/or apprehensive) desire to juggle due to a friend, sibling, or a parent prodding him or her, but many unexpected joys and trials ensue over the course of months & years of involvement. For the coaches who were once Jugheads themselves, they've had to make the challenging leap from teen to adult authority figure, exercising at a much deeper level the mentorship skills they began honing as student leaders. For Wendy, her journey started by supporting my humble coaching endeavor through childcare in 1994-1998, then helping me launch the business full-time in 1999, then leaving her own career in graphic design in 2004 to more fully dedicate herself to our "hobbit hole" home and our "unexpected party" of a company. For me, I suppose I'd need a whole book to describe how this has been an unexpected journey, but suffice it to say that I especially relate to Bilbo.

I was "nugged out of the door" not by Gandalf, but by God who called me to youth work. I've been supported not by a Company of Dwarves, Elves, and other Middle-Earth allies, but families, friends, a school district, and now a church who rents us space. I am on a quest neither to find treasure in a mountain nor destroy an evil dragon, but to lay up treasures in Heaven and destroy my own sinful tendencies to be selfish and the Captain of My Soul.

Although fictitious, *The Hobbit* offers many life lessons. The beauty of the *real* tale of JH is that all members and leaders are simultaneously beneficiaries and benefactors of life lessons learned and taught by and through them. May each person who "dares" to call themselves a Jughead go away positively changed for life, applying the lessons of this adventure to the many stops on "the road" that "goes ever on and on."

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