

# JUGHEADS

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## Juggle Jam 15 (JJ15) Notes

### Essential Info. for 11-Week Countdown

**SHOWS:** Our shows are Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18 at Hopkins HS. Call time is 5:45 pm; doors open @ 6:30; show runs from 7-9:40. **Friday Rec.** will NOT meet May 17.

**CLUB REHEARSALS:** Every (Edina) school day until JJ15 is a full rehearsal (except May 9, 15 & 17). We're finishing choreography, running our routines, and adding costumes. Please stay at club rehearsals 'til 5:45 p.m. and inform us of **ANY** absences.

**ALL-CAST EVENING DRESS REHEARSALS are May 9 and 15 from 6-9 pm.** Wear JJ15 Tees on 5/15 for our only all-company photo at 6:10 pm. **Thursday Rec. & Ultimate Club** will NOT meet on 5/9; **Advanced** will NOT meet on 5/15.

**AUDITIONS:** Any Jughead desiring to perform a solo or team routine for JJ15 needs to audition on **Tuesday, April 16**

**in Wooddale-Edina's gym.** Every prospective act must perform in the 3/15 Winter Showcase and fill out an application by 3/28. Contact **Coach Scott** for more information. *NOTE: Auditions are always competitive; unique and polished acts rise above acts filled with juggling technicality yet are lacking in entertainment value.*

**SKITS: Coaches Scott and Kelvin** are heading up variety introductions. Any Jughead with a skit idea and interest in performing, should talk to them ASAP; skit will be set by 4/26.

**Distinctive COSTUMES** are key to club routines; bring them to club rehearsals by 4/22-26. **Monday:** Bollywood; **Elite:** Dance Styles; **Adv.:** Children's Books; **Thursday:** Americana; **Friday:** Mary Poppins. *Khaki shorts and JJ15 Tees are required for the grand opener & grand finale.*

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** JJ is a huge production made possible by MANY parent volunteers. Therefore, our hope is that one parent from each JH family will volunteer for **one show or in another way.** Show night volunteers need not purchase a ticket for that night, but do not expect to see all/much of the show. See the attached form and jugheads.com for more info. on how to volunteer.



**TICKETS:** All tickets are reserved seats this year with two pricing tiers for adults/students. Online sales begin Monday, April 8.

**T-SHIRTS:** On May 9, Jugheads will receive JJ15 T-shirts for each club of membership; parents, please indicate sizes on the Spring Tuition Form.

## Coach Corner: Kelvin Ying

### "Standards vs. Performances"

In the early years of JH, Juggle Jam audiences were surprised at quality youth juggling. Tricks were new and refreshing, and skills such as five balls were novelties. However, as the years passed, our company-wide average technical skill grew past our audience's comprehension. Now, seven balls is little more than a pretty sight, and for the handful of Jugheads who can pull off a 5-club 3-up pirouette, there is an equally small number of spectators who will fully appreciate the feat.

So what, you ask? Well, did you wonder why I encouraged you to avoid falling into the "Standards Trap" in my October column? Here's your answer: audiences do not appreciate standards. I repeat: audiences do not appreciate standards. The average person does not understand (and therefore cannot fully enjoy) high-level juggling. Such a person will always prefer a simple performance full of character over a monochrome routine of flawless, world-class juggling. Thus, we should not simply charge ahead with standards-driven skills, but rather adapt as performers to these needs and create a final product that everyone will enjoy.

As we proceed through JJ season, I encourage you to continue developing your own special strengths and take pride in your achievements. But my new challenge is for you to take those creative, unique skills and apply them to your performance. Combine your talents and expand your boundaries even further. Dig deep and develop a character you can bring to life on stage. And most importantly, keep growing not just as a juggler, but as a performer and a person. In time, your hard work will lead you to a performance, and perhaps even a legacy, that will endure far beyond your time as a member of JUGHEADS. —*Kelvin Ying is a 2nd year coach and an '07 grad*

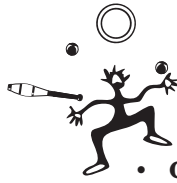
## Spring Club Tuition Due

### Early registration deadline: March 15

Spring JH tuition covers April 8-June 6 and includes a JJ15 T-shirt. Register by 3/15 for a \$15 discount per Jughead, per club. **Indicate T-shirt size** and club code on the enclosed form. (If using PayPal, please **email us your child's size.**)

CLUB	CODE	COST	OFF DAY
<b>Monday Rec.</b>	<b>13SPR-MON</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>Elite Club</b>	<b>13SPR-ELITE</b>	<b>\$230</b>	—
<b>Adv. Club</b>	<b>13SPR-ADV</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>May 15*</b>
<b>Thursday Rec.</b>	<b>13SPR-THURS</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>May 9*</b>
<b>Ultimate Club</b>	<b>13SPR-ULTI</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>May 9*</b>
<b>Friday Rec.</b>	<b>13SPR-FRI</b>	<b>\$190</b>	<b>May 17*</b>

\*No regular club those days, but mandatory evening events.



# Planning for June '13-June '14

## Camps, Clubs, Leadership

**SUMMER CAMPS:** Around March 18, look for the registration form for our five weeks of summer juggling camps (June 7-July 12; no camp on July 4-5). **NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** Parents eager to secure a spot for fall clubs can plan on receiving a mailing on May 24 (earlybird discount and re-registration guarantee deadline: June 8). Please be aware that fall registration for our three Rec. Clubs will open to the general public (new rookies for '13-'14) on June 10. **ASSISTANTS & VOLUNTEERS:** Paul is working on rosters of camp and club assistants (9th-12th grade) for summer & next school year. Summer Asst. Apps. are due March 30; all current and potential school year leaders should discuss club preferences by May 3 so that if applicable, their names can appear in our fall mailing due out May 24. **COACHES:** **Scott Richter** has amicably resigned effective June 30, which means that he will not be coaching next school year. However, both **Kelvin Ying** and **Stefan Brancel** will return, with Stefan increasing his role. More info. to come.

## JH Community News

- **8th ANNUAL EYJA JUGGLING SHOWCASE:** More than 20 acts will entertain folks like YOU on Friday, 3/15 from 7:30-9 p.m. at South View Middle School in Edina. It's a great way to kick off our 2013 performing season, and it's FREE! Just show up!
- **TWO APPLICATION DEADLINES for performers & leaders:** **Saturday, March 30** is the application deadline for both the 2013 Summer Camp Assistants and JJ15 Specialty Act Auditions (for April 16). Even students desiring to volunteer for camps and/or earn service hours for lettering in juggling or fulfilling a church or school project should fill out a Summer Asst. App. Both forms are available at JH, or request an emailed PDF.
- **SENIOR JUGHEADS'** families are encouraged to submit Jughead-related photos to Wendy by 4/26 to enhance the personal touch to JJ15's Senior Presentation. Our eight seniors will be honored according to "seniority" (years of experience, club level, service). Friday night: **Grant M., Natalie L., Hannah B., David K.**; Saturday night: **Grace B., Jens S., Tom G., Rory B.**
- **Mr. Tom Richter**, dad of **Coach Scott Richter**, is offering JH families a 15% discount on his pro service of ice dam removal. Contact him at 952-451-0100 or [1thomasrichter@gmail.com](mailto:1thomasrichter@gmail.com).

- **Congratulations to Eagle Scout Eric M.** (soph. in Elite Club) who received the B.S.A.'s highest honor earlier this winter!
- Thank you for your inquiries and prayers regarding our visit to Mayo Clinic last month. The good news is that Wendy is scheduled for robotic surgery on May 28 by world-class surgeon **Dr. Rakesh Suri**. Barring any complications as we wait, this timing is perfect for JJ15 and summer camps, as May 28 is exactly in the middle of our brief "down time." So, God willing, we'll celebrate our 20th anniversary (5/29/13) in Wendy's recovering room during her three day stay at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester!

## Paul's Platform:

### "'Leave No Trace' vs. 'Leave a Legacy' "

Even though I'm a life-long suburbanite and not a Grizzly Adams, I love the outdoors and any chance I have to run, hike, camp, and generally experience God's creation. My outdoors experiences (however limited) continue to form life-long and character-shaping memories, from camp counseling in the Sierra Nevada in 1989 to hiking Half Dome with Wendy in 2008 to adventures with my brother's B.S.A. troop (Troop72.com), including a planned trip to the BWCA with seven other Arnebergs (two brothers and five nephews) this summer.

Anyone remotely familiar with wilderness etiquette knows that the phrase "leave no trace" means that we shouldn't leave evidence of our presence through littering or excessive disruption to the ground, wildlife, and surrounding environment. This I try to do, even in my daily suburban life. However, it strikes me that the opposite is true in mentoring and parenting roles: we're to leave a *major* "trace" (legacy) on the lives of our youth through loving and molding young people's character in every way possible.

As I age, I must confess that it's often easy for me to hide behind the excuse that I'm too busy, selfish, and/or non-confrontational any given day to chat with a Jughead, admonish a nephew or niece, or give unexpected time to someone craving encouragement or fun. But just as we're to minimize our carbon footprint in nature, we're to *maximize* our "footprint" in the lives of kids and young adults so that their lives are more fruitful because we were there for them. Leave a legacy for the young people in your lives! Remember: time is short.

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