

JUGHEADS

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EYJA Showcase: 3/21 at SVMS

Acts must perform for Coach Kelvin by 2/28

The 9th annual EYJA Winter Juggling Showcase is Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm at **South View Middle School** in Edina. This 90-minute show is free and open to the public. The Jan. 31 deadline for expressing interest in performing has passed; 24 acts have signed up, and now each act must preview their routine for Showcase Director **Kelvin Ying** by Feb. 28. The cast and order will be set by March 7. It's a fun event for the whole family!

JJ16 Photos, Tickets & Volunteers

Key dates: Feb. 24-28 pix; April 7 online tix

- Our JJ Slide Show is a cherished tradition! **Wendy Arneberg** and parent **Diane Schroeder** will take photos of each individual Jughead (as well as group shots and candids) during our clubs on Feb. 24-28 (except UC). Each Jughead should choose what to wear, how to pose, and what prop(s) to hold (if any). Those who can't make it to their club Feb. 24-28 should email Wendy and try to attend another photo day. Wendy will also offer make-up photo days in early March.
- All tickets for JJ16 (May 16 & 17) will be reserved and sold online in two pricing tiers for Adults & Students (\$15/\$10 and \$12/\$8). Tickets will be sold via a link on **jugheads.com** beginning April 7 (the first day of our spring session). Remaining tickets will be sold at the door each night of JJ16.
- Look for an email in March detailing JJ16 volunteer opportunities (e.g., pre-production, rehearsals, show nights).

Officer Voice: Taylor C.

Time is an interesting concept, isn't it? It is entirely relative to us. An hour can seem to draw on for what seems like ages, or an hour can pass in what feels like a moment. But it is universal truth that there are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, and 24 hours in a day. The length of time in each day does not change, yet our experiences concerning time, and how we choose to spend it, are entirely unique to us. Or in Einstein's own terms: "When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity."

Arguably the most important aspect of our time on Earth is how spend it. We invest our time, we don't spend it. We are hopefully **investing** our time for eternal treasures; where we invest this time shows the world what is truly important



to us (Matthew 6:19-21). This will accurately reflect our true priorities. When our time on this earth has come to its end, the investments we make today will ideally morph into a legacy we leave behind with those we cared for, interacted with and maybe even some we knew only briefly. A person can make a tremendous impact (good or bad) even in a short chance encounter.

It would be foolish to assume that one's time as a Jughead is indefinite. For our seniors, their last Juggle Jam is approaching rapidly. For our newcomers, May seems cons away. As we look at history there is also no doubt in my mind that some of you will choose not to continue next year. Each member of JH has already blessed our company significantly with your unique gifts, talents and presence. For that I personally thank you. Although it is easy to deem our past achievements as 'good enough,' we must remember that one of the most spectacular parts of what we do today will be the memories we make for ourselves and others.

For those new Jugheads who are looking at many possible years to be part of this great company, don't spend so much time looking ahead at the things to come that you don't take those moments to appreciate what you already have. And for those of you making the final standards, fun memories and friendships, take a second or two and try to hold them little longer. Freeze images, feelings and moments of your experiences with the company in your mind. How we see time is relative from moment to moment, year to year. Your concept of time is yours to determine. The greatest hope I have for you as we move closer to the end of this school year is that you make the most of your Jughead seconds, hours, and years. I look forward to the legacies you will leave. It's your time – make the most of it.

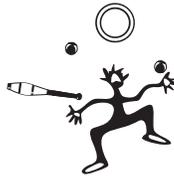
—**Taylor C.:** 4th Year Jughead, Officer, Monday Rec. Assistant, Ultimate & Elite Club member

2014 Summer Camp Preview

Registration, coaching, assisting

Entering our **21st year**, summer camps are an ideal place for youth to learn and immerse in juggling! With *many* summer choices, we're glad that many kids (esp. Jugheads) prioritize our camps. Consider these points as summer reg. opens on **March 17:**

1. Summer juggling camps will be held from June 9-July 25. A **full week of mornings** is recommended for all first-time campers; most Jugheads choose **punchcards** for flexibility.
2. We offer coupons to encourage registering by **late May**.
3. **Paul Arneberg** will be the main coach, with **Kelvin Ying** and **Stefan Brancel** coaching as schedules may allow.
4. Qualified students should request an Assistant Application and turn it in by **Friday, April 4**.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Elite Club

A means *and* an end to top Jughead skills

Elite continues enjoying the phenomenon of being an all-teen club with a 2:1 ratio of boys-to-girls in a supportive, accepting, challenging, and creative atmosphere. Half of the members are also members of Ultimate Club, juggling for their required 2nd day to further hone skills for the exclusively “passing” emphasis on Thursday nights. As for Tuesday afternoons, even those who see Elite as their crowning achievement (rather than as a means or supplement to U.C.) have rich experiences here, from our challenging endurance contests and games to weekly warm-ups (led by **Captain Sydney P.**) to perennially creative and entertaining JJ routines. Teens have complicated lives, esp. in today’s world. Elite Club is, for many, a fulfilling solution piece to the puzzle of growing up. Our JJ16 Elite routine: “West Side Story.”

JUGHEADS Community News

- WELCOME to new Monday Rec. 4th grader, **Tate Peterson**. Tate’s big brother, **Baylor**, was a Jughead through JJ12, and the Petersons are glad to once again be an active JH family!
- **Jughead Cousin is “The Biggest Loser”!** On 2/4/14, **Rachel Frederickson** (originally from Stillwater and 1st cousin of Jugheads **Sam & Steven K.**) won the 15th season of NBC’s weight loss reality show. A former three-time state swim champion (and twice KARE-11’s Prep. Athlete of the Week), Rachel gained much weight after high school; the show helped her focus on nutrition, exercise, and emotional health as keys to fitness. Congrats to the Frederickson/Karschnia clan!
- No-Club Reminder: **No Monday Rec.** or camp on 2/17 (Presidents’ Day). Also, **no Elite Club** or camp on 2/18.
- **Mega Camps Cancelled:** Edina Public Schools has reinstated school on Tues., Feb. 18 and Friday, Mar. 7. Therefore, our previously scheduled Mega Camps are now cancelled. We’ll keep our schedule of no Elite or Fri. Rec. those respective dates.
- **Next Officer Meetings:** 2/1 @ Hinikers’; 3/8 @ Paughs’.
- IJA Festival down payments (\$240) are due by Fri., Feb. 28.
- **MONDO XXV** is Feb. 28-Mar. 1. **Coaches Paul & Chris**

are leading 23 kids (so far) on 3/1; more may sign up by 2/27.

- **JJ16 Shows:** May 16 & 17; **Dress Reh.:** May 6 & 14. Specialty act **auditions** (solos/ensembles, *not* club routines): Tue., April 8. Prospective JJ acts: fill out an audition app. by Mar. 25.

Paul’s Platform: “Beyond Mud Pies”

Human beings are made for discovery. We are designed to explore our surroundings, how things work, and perhaps the most complicated subject of all: ourselves, including our abilities, relationships, shortcomings, and being made in God’s image.

Regarding our pursuit of passions, consider this C.S. Lewis quote: “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” (*The Weight of Glory*, 1949)

The context of Lewis’s quote is his plea to find our infinite joy in God, but I believe it also applies to more mundane but still life-changing pursuits such as choosing to “discover ourselves” through doing hard things and investing for long-term character-building rather than the ubiquitous temptation for instant (and often destructive) self-gratification. Metaphorically speaking, don’t settle for dirt or even copper when we’re meant to go for the gold.

February is a “mud pie” month in terms of weather and the temptation to eke out an existence rather than thrive. Character is often meted out in the mundane, and discovery through discipline. Here’s to a month of rising above the mud and refining the golden opportunities to live, love and learn through daring discovery and thinking beyond ourselves.

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