



# JUGHEADS

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## EYJA Showcase: 3/20 in Hopkins

Acts must "preview" for Reid Johnson by 2/27

The 10th annual EYJA Winter Juggling Showcase is Friday, March 20 at 7:30 pm at The Little Theater in Hopkins High School. (Note the NEW location!) This 90-minute public show is free! The Jan. 30 deadline for signing up has passed; now each of the 21 acts must preview their routine for **Showcase Student Director Reid J.** by Feb. 27. The cast and order will be set by Monday, March 9. It's a fun event for the whole family!

## JJ17 Photos, Tickets & Volunteers

Key dates: Feb. 23-27 pix; April 6 online tix

- Our Juggle Jam (JJ) Slide Show is a cherished tradition! **Photo Week is Feb. 23-27: Wendy Arneberg & Diane Schroeder** will take portraits, group shots and candids during all clubs except U.C. Each Jughead may choose attire and posing props. Email Wendy if you need to attend an alternate Photo Week day, or schedule a make-up in early March.
- All tickets for JJ17 (May 15 & 16) 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 6 (the first day of our spring session). Remaining tickets will be sold at the door each night of JJ17.
- Look for an email in March detailing JJ17 volunteer opportunities (e.g., pre-production, rehearsals, show nights).



## New JUGHEADS Photo Library

jugheads.smugmug.com • JH History, Alive!

For almost a year, **Wendy** has been working on a way to share our amazing photo and video library with parents and former Jugheads. While she will be continually adding new photos and videos, it's now ready for the initial launch! Here are some of the gems you will find: JJ portraits and group shots; candids from weekly clubs; team trips; JJs and other performances; and isolated videos of every routine performed in our 16-year JJ history! Photos are available to download



individually or as a gallery; turn your memories into photo cards or gifts through the site. Downloading/ordering is fee-based (offsetting site hosting costs), but *looking* is free! Jugheads creating Showcase routines may get ideas by looking at past routines.

To protect copyrighted music, the **video folders** are password protected and are not allowed to be posted online via YouTube, Facebook or other social media, and will only be available to be downloaded Feb./Mar. and Sept./Oct. of each year. (**Photos** will be available continuously.) Downloads are for personal use only. Video Password: 1994rudyreach. JJ Award Photo Folders are also password protected because names of kids are included on the photo. Portrait Password: 2014JuggleJam16. ENJOY!

## Coach Corner: Chris Lovdal

These months can be stressful. Those who have been through JJ can testify to the excitement and challenges of both the process and the actual performance (103 days after the Super Bowl! :-).

I was scared to death to perform my first year, JJ5. I don't even think I posed after catching my rings in the Monday Night Club routine. I refused to dance to "Thriller" in JJ8 because I was a 13-year-old boy who, no matter what, doesn't dance. And in JJ9 & 10, I performed with students I barely knew, as other activities kept me from joining other clubs with my friends. As such, in four out of my first six years, the months leading up to JJ were painful. Watching others dance, repeating the routine with people I barely knew; these months tested the shy little boy I was at heart.

Four years ago, I wrote a piece about being a late bloomer. I came into my own after those first six years. Now, I had other activities that I enjoyed (soccer, U of M math classes, All State Band), but a lot of my difficulties in JH stemmed from my unwillingness to embrace the process and enjoy the finished product.

Make the best of these three months! JJ will be what you create. The preparation will be stressful, joyful and frustrating at times. Sometimes, it can even get boring. But only if you let it get boring. Know that your coaches, assistants and volunteers love to help you, but also know that they can't perform for you. You don't have to become the outgoing, people person that I am today (a fact I attribute highly to JH), but nonetheless my advice to every Jughead is to have fun with JJ. Have fun with the preparation and with performing. Don't be like I was: too proud or shy or ashamed or jealous of others to appreciate what I was a part of.

JH is unlike any other group in the world. For those who have been a part of JJs past, remember the excitement of running on for "Rock This Town" and "Reach," and set a great example for our rookies who are about to become a part of something very special. — **Chris Lovdal: 9-year Jughead grad (Class of '11); 3rd Year Coach; U of MN Senior (Math major)**

