

# JUGHEADS

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## 2nd Semester Tuition: Dec. Discounts! Officer Voice by Joshua N.

### Registration for Feb. 6–June 2, 2017

One year ago, we transitioned from seasonal trimester tuition payments to semester payments. (Our 1st sem. ends Feb. 3 to make the payments as equal as possible, accounting for JJ19 fees in our 2nd sem.) Families can budget to pay in June for 1st sem. and in Dec. for 2nd sem. with no other payments all school year! The only additional fees are for those choosing to attend a festival with us or registering early (March-April) for summer camps.

If you register by Dec. 31, you may reduce your 2nd semester tuition by \$40 per Jughead, per club. **Jugheads are not allowed to attend their February club(s) until they are registered.** (Please contact us with questions or concerns.)

Below is a guide to club, noted dates, and cost. See enclosed form and **sign up via check** (made out to JUGHEADS, LLC) or **online** (the discount automatically applies through 12/31/16).

CLUB*	CLOSED	@EMMAUS	COST*
Mon. Rec.	2/20, 3/27, 5/29	—	\$415
Elite	3/28, 5/9, 5/16	—	\$415
Advanced	3/29	4/5	\$465
Thurs. Rec.	3/30	4/6, 4/13	\$465
Ultimate	3/30	4/6, 4/13	\$650**
Fri. Rec.	3/31, 5/19	4/7	\$440

\*Tuition costs include JJ19 goodies (T-shirt, cast photo, DVD).

\*\*U.C. also includes \$50 for new costumes + IJA filming day on 3/18.

## Bring a Friend to JUGHEADS Week!

### Sign up to host a guest Dec. 19-23

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) came up with the idea at the annual retreat to have a specific week where members are encouraged to bring a friend to JUGHEADS for free! For members, it's an opportunity to share their activity with a friend; for the company, it's an opportunity to promote juggling and gain new potential summer campers, school year Jugheads, or just fans! Go to the link on the main page of [jugheads.com](http://jugheads.com) for more details and to sign up your Jughead's friend to attend his or her Club during the week of **December 19–23**.



Hello, my name is Joshua Nelson. Over the course of my four years in JH, most of my juggling records have come after much hard work. I wasn't bad at juggling, but it didn't come naturally. An example of this is four balls. When I first started working on four balls, progress was very slow and records were few and far between. After three months of juggling four balls for an hour a day, I finally broke through and reached the Advanced standard of 50 dominant hand throws. Another example of this is the Ultimate Club standard of 100 catches with five rings, one of the last standards I needed. After four months of working on five rings and having several different records within 15 catches of what I needed, finally reaching my goal of 100 was extremely satisfying.

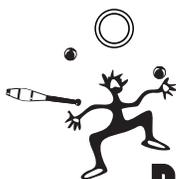
Was my satisfaction in success from simply getting the standard, or was it also from the path I took to get there? The amount of effort I put in, the attitude I kept, and the encouragement others gave me all built up to a finish that brought more satisfaction than if I had done it all in five minutes with a halfhearted try and a bad attitude. When I help someone in Friday Rec., I encourage them to think about this as they work towards their goals. As Albert Einstein once said, "Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work." With this in mind, I challenge you to work hard on the path to your goals so that achieving them will be even more of a sweet success.

—*Joshua N.: 4th year Jughead; Ultimate & Elite member; Officer; Friday Rec. Assistant; Northwestern U. PSEO Junior*

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Monday Rec. Club

### Loyalty & community make Mondays bright!

Monday Rec. is unique among our clubs (and historically very rare) in that all its current student leaders started right here! In fact, after senior **Bengt** joined in 2008, **Eva, Grant & Elizabeth** all joined together (not knowing each other) two years later! Also interesting is that fact that our four SLT members attend four different high schools in different cities. Such geographic diversity is a mainstay of Monday Rec. (and all our clubs, really), in that kids may join apart but they're brought together through many years of experiences and development. Monday continues to enjoy a depth of intimacy that comes with a smaller club, and there is both a lightness of spirit and a driving challenge for members of all levels to conquer their next goals, whether qualifying three balls or achieving even more Elite or Ultimate standards. Look for the Monday Recers in JJ19 with a theme combining creativity with cultural relevance: "Apps."



## JH Community News

- **KITTY CORNER:** Since April, Wendy has taken in foster kittens. Her latest/largest batch of four (plus a mother cat for a time) required *weeks* of bottle feeding, eye care, and URI healing. They made their rounds visiting JH clubs, and many kids were kitten-smitten. Adv. Jughead **Laura Logan** and her family were particularly hooked, adopting the Kitty Formerly Known as **Famous Amos** (now **Smokey**). From the start, the Arnebergs were drawn to the furry black and white one, **Chip** (aka Chips Ahoy, Mr. Chips, SuperChip, Chippy Chippy Bang Bang...), and they're adopting him this week! Due to his low allergens and a bond forged from 3-9 weeks old, Chip is the first-*ever* pet for Paul &



Wendy. Thanks to the **Nowaks, Rutzens** and **Lovdals** who helped care for the kitties when at their most vulnerable. Wendy is a cat whisperer, and Paul has learned a new gentleness and an appreciation for this curious species.

- **CONGRATS** to 3 Club Endurance champs **Connor Q.** (Mon.), **Danny K.** (Thur.), **Isaac C.** (Fri.)! **Isaac** also had top honors with 4 Rings (Adv.), and for the 2nd straight year, **Jacob C.** won both 5 Rings (Elite) *and* 5 Clubs (UC)! *Many* Jugheads achieved records in these contests!
- **JINGLE JAM** is this Sat., 12/3, 5-9 pm at **Calvary Church in Edina**. Cost included in 1st Sem. tuition; reg. via Sign-Up Genius (incl. bringing a pot-luck item to share).
- **Officer Meetings:** 12/10 @ McCoy's; 1/21 @ Johnsons'.
- **MADFEST forms** (U.C./Elite/Adv.) are due 12/15/16.
- **MONDO FEST '17** will be **Feb. 10-12** in St. Paul. Paul will organize/lead a big group on 2/11. Watch for reg. forms at club.
- **The 12th annual WINTER SHOWCASE** is a free public show featuring polished youth acts of *all* levels on **3/17/17** at the Hopkins H.S. Little Theater. Interested performers/emcees should *apply* in writing, *consult* with **Student Director Steven K.** by 1/31, and *preview* their act/bit by 2/28. Work *now* to be best-prepared & polished!
- **SUMMER CAMPS 2017** will be offered from June 5-July 7. Reg. info. in March; SLT apps are due by Fri., March 24.
- **Collector/Gift DVDs:** *Juggle Jams 6-18*=\$20 ea./2 for \$35.
- **The 2015-'16 JH YEARBOOK** is nearly done! Look for an email or search on **blurb.com** for Wendy's 8th annual creation, aided by parent photographer **Diane Schroeder**.

## Paul's Platform: "American Ideals and JH, Part 10: Domestic Tranquility"

I'm both an idealist and a literalist, at least in terms of my views of the origins of our Universe and our Nation. The two sources that best inform my views are the Bible and the U.S. Constitution. I love both documents, although I admit that both can be difficult to interpret and/or understand. But when in doubt, I believe that the Framers of the Constitution and the 40 or so human authors of the Bible largely wrote for the Common Man to understand and apply their wisdom for human flourishing. We stray from such timeless wisdom at our peril; peace is at stake, both personally and nationally.

This column wraps up my 2016 series on how our country's ideals are reflected in this company. At the risk of sounding predictable or cliché, the topic this month (planned about 11 months ago) seems uncanny in its timing; domestic tranquility. A parallel phrase could be "peace on Earth," but for the purpose of focus, I'll just comment on peace in America and in JUGHEADS, LLC.

Our Founders wrote in the Preamble their aim to "insure domestic Tranquility," meaning that the central government has the right to intervene to protect its citizens against riots, localized tyrants, wars between the states, etc. Of course, it's still ideal to solve our societal woes on a local level as often as possible (e.g., via the city police and county judges rather than the National Guard and Supreme Court), but the Framers wrote that the federal level may enter state and local crises when absolutely necessary.

My simple parallel to JH this month is that I'm careful to not hastily assert my authority to break up small squabbles among the Jugheads, including annoying disruptions that may affect our subculture any given day. One strategy is to encourage the kids to self-monitor their own behavior (aka positive peer pressure); another is for student leaders to use their own styles of keeping the peace on a more grass roots level than me having to step in. For more on this topic, see my column on "Liberty" ([paulsplatform.blogspot.com/2016/02/](http://paulsplatform.blogspot.com/2016/02/)).

Far before election protests & recounts (even in 2000), and before the recent trend trying to redefine "freedom of religion" to the rights-strangling and unconstitutional "freedom of worship," I've tried to run JH (our microcosm of America) with peace as the goal through my Christian worldview, even if I personally disagree with any given issue, attitude, or action among our constituents. "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (Romans 12:18, ESV).

I'll end this series crediting the deepest and dearest of our American ideals, and therefore our JH ideals, to the "Holy infant so tender and mild" who entered the world in the form of a helpless baby in order to begin ushering in the ultimate form of domestic tranquility: Heavenly peace. May the God of peace bless your families this Advent season and in 2017.

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\*Tom is the U.C. Specialist from Nov. through March + the IJA Festival.

\*\*Betsy has resumed her work with us for the rest of the school year!