



JUGHEADS

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Juggle Jam 19 Final (Hard Copy) Memo

Logistics enclosed for four-week countdown

The annual **Final Memo and Checklist** for all JH families regarding JJ19 logistics and etiquette is enclosed with this *Journal*. Four key dates should be memorized: May 9, 16, 19 & 20. Remember that student-created/borrowed/purchased costumes enhance all routines. Every Jughead should know the basic contents of the Final Memo to minimize long meetings at rehearsals.

JJ19 Specialty Acts, Skits & Seniors

Distinguished Jugheads of JJ19: “Specialty act” auditions were held on 4/11 at Emmaus Free Lutheran Church. Three solos, four duets and a quintet will supplement our club routines with specialized talents. We also have a wide variety of skits. Nine Jugheads completing their senior year active in the company will be featured according to their seniority/club/leadership roles (5 or 4 each night), joining 79 other grads. Congrats!

Officer Voice: Cole Dunbar

When I first started JH, I was an extremely shy 3rd grader from Eden Prairie who knew nobody else in the company and spent most of my time juggling alone in a corner. This allowed me to develop my personal juggling skills extremely quickly, but I always felt a bit out of place amongst my peers at club. It wasn't until I joined Wednesday Rec. and started middle school that I began to branch out socially, and I think that I owe my continuation of juggling to my social connections. I would get to JH early each week, and this allowed me to bond with other members who also arrived early, such as **Thomas Brandt** and **Matt Whear**. From there I have made many more friendships that I value greatly. Through my friendships with fellow Jugheads, I have been able to participate in things that I might never have had the opportunity to do such as performing a specialty act in *Juggle Jam* or joining Ultimate Club. Having close friends in club with me not only gave me something to do while I wasn't juggling, but it motivated me to get better and assisted me in my skills. I would not have made Ultimate as quickly as I did were it not for Matt Whear. We would pass together every Elite and work on our standards together and this friendly competition caused us to get better much more quickly than if we were working individually.

Another great aspect of having friends in club with you is the ability to form specialty acts. When **Nick De Boom**, **Max Schleck** and I would get together to “work” on our

routine, it made it so much more fun and relaxing that we were extremely comfortable with each other in juggling and in our interactions. Our rapport was translated into our routine and really allowed the audience to connect with us on stage and exponentially increased the enjoyment of everyone involved.

So, all of this is to say that while juggling is an awesome part of JH, work on either beginning new relationships with your peers or deepen existing relationships with those around you. You might be surprised where it will lead you.

—**Cole D.:** *Deca Jughead (10 years!), Officer, Advanced Club Assistant, Elite Member, Ultimate Club Co-Captain, H.S. Senior*

CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Ultimate

Top team experience for our baker's dozen

Last year saw a return to the roots of this club: more student leadership and only one coach specialist at a time. This year, 2nd year Elite Club Coach **Tom Gaasedelen** (JH Class of '13) initially planned on coaching just the middle five months of the year, but he's staying on through the end due to the team's goal to return to international competition. Meanwhile, the 13-member club continues to have much ownership among the students, with a strong rookie class and several good prospects for next school year who have visited to sample the club's simultaneously intense yet light-hearted atmosphere. It's not lost on this director that having a group of teens who minimize “drama” and maximize good juggling and growing friendships is both rare and very welcomed!

Our renewed structure of one-at-most “specialist coach” also allows us to better budget for what has been a smaller club in recent years. Whether the goal is to make the club and letter in juggling before graduation or to stay for four years and become national class, Ultimate offers our top team juggling experience.

Look forward to seeing this team in JJ19 fresh off of their video audition for the IJA Teams Championships this summer in Cedar Rapids, IA!

JUGHEADS Community News

—**SENIORS:** Submit Sr. Presentation photos (20–30) by 5/7. JJ19 program bios are due 5/14 (see email for details).

—**SUMMER JUGGLING CAMP FORMS** were sent home and posted online in early March. **Reminders:** 1) Coupons expire 4/30; 2) punchcards are a popular option; 3) kids can bag-lunch-it if juggling all day; 4) note special events: family picnic (6/28), parades (6/17, 7/4).



