

# JUGHEADS

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## Winter '12 Tuition Due

Register now for Jan. 3-March 30

The JH club tuition payment plan correlates to seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring. If you register by check postmarked by Fri., Dec. 16, you may reduce your winter tuition by \$20 per Jughead, per club. **Jugheads may not attend their winter club(s) until they re-register.** Below is a guide to each club code and cost. You may sign up via the **enclosed form** or **online** (without the discount). Make checks out to JUGHEADS, LLC.

CLUB	CODE	COST
Monday Rec.	12WNTR-MON	\$175*
Elite Club	12WNTR-ELITE	\$250
Advanced Club	12WNTR-ADV	\$250
Thursday Rec.	12WNTR-THURS	\$250
Ultimate Club	12WNTR-ULTI	\$300+
Friday Rec.	12WNTR-FRI	\$230*

\*Monday Rec. will NOT meet on 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, or 2/20; Friday Rec. will NOT meet on 3/9. These are all Edina Schools release days. Mega All-Day Juggling Camps are offered on 1/16, 1/30, and 3/9.

+Ultimate Club tuition includes a \$50 lab fee for extra coaching.

## Coach Corner: "Humility"

by Scott Richter

You have all heard the phrase "pride comes before a fall." In juggling, I'd venture to say that pride comes before a drop. As students that are participants in a very unique skill, you all face a great challenge before you; the ability to remain humble while striving for excellence. I am sure many of you have been called "show-offs" or have been deemed "the center of attention" by your friends and family because of your uniqueness in knowing how to juggle. My encouragement to you all is to never let your skills and abilities become more important than your friendships and relational interactions. James 4:6 reads "But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble'" (NIV).

I think we would all agree that no one likes to be around a prideful person. Make your time at club enjoyable by working hard at juggling while at the same time you consider your fellow club members' needs before your own. My pastor, **Joel Johnson**, recently shared a thought on this that I found illuminating in my own life. He said, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but simply thinking of



yourself less." Be kids and young adults who look to the needs of others first. Not only will it make your time here at JH the best it can be, it will also be a treasure for you to take with you wherever you go. *Coach Scott*

—**Scott Richter**: 5-year Jughead (Class of '07); 4th year Coach

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Advanced Club

Mid-week, mid-level club an end in itself

Advanced Club has always had a sweet spirit about it. Maybe this is due to the mixture of younger middle schoolers with H.S. upperclassmen; the ever-creative JJ routines; the mid-week release of an active club among many other activities (e.g., family, church, school, sports, and music); or the self-fulfilling prophecy that the kids who join Advanced *expect* it to be an extra-special place of bonding, challenges, and social acceptance--thereby helping to perpetuate the success. For some, Advanced is a stepping stone en route to Elite & Ultimate; for others, it's an end in itself, whether as a 2nd juggling day for U.C. members (instead of Elite), or as "home" to several who finish their Jughead careers here. Whatever the reason(s), Adv. Club remains one of the most balanced, meaningful, and fun glimpses into our company.

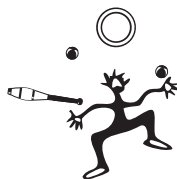
## IJA Fest '12 in Winston-Salem, NC

3rd Trip featuring Southern Hospitality

The 65th IJA Festival will take place July 15-22, 2012 in Winston-Salem. It's our 17th year traveling and participating as a group, and our 3rd trip to W-S ('07, '09). In order of priority, this trip is open to Ultimate Club, Assistants, and Elite & Advanced Jugheads who exhibit *exemplary behavior and work ethic*. A choice of two mandatory 45-min. info. meetings will be held 1/26 and 1/31 at 6 pm in South Hall (our snack area) for any Jughead considering attending IJA with us (one parent must also attend).

## JUGHEADS Community News

- **CONGRATS to Lauren S.** (9th year Jughead; senior in Elite & U.C.) for her promotion from Adv. Club Volunteer to Assistant for the rest of the school year! Due to company need (Asst. **Conor H.** resigned) and her own merit, Lauren will finish her JH career involved to the max!
- **Next Officer Meeting:** 12/10/11, 9-Noon at Arnebergs'.



- **CONGRATS to Grace B.** (8th year Jughead; junior in Elite & U.C.) for her stellar performance in the Girls' Class A State Soccer tournament. Grace scored the *only* goal to send **The Blake School** to the finals, then she scored the *only* goal in the state championship! Also a world-class juggler, Grace "juggles" athletic, academic & musical pursuits.
- **Return of the Stefan:** After taking a semester off due to plans to study overseas, **Coach Stefan Brancel** (JH Class of '10) will re-join our staff in January! Stefan will commit to **Thursday Rec.** with occasional volunteer & sub duties for **Ultimate Club.** Welcome back (in advance), Stefan!
- **JJ14 Brainstorming:** Club routine themes have been chosen by the Coaches & Officer Team; consult the Winter Reg. form for the ideas. Now come characters, choreography, and costumes! Starting in January, *part* of each club day will be devoted to small group rehearsal time. (Remember the key show dates: May 18-19, with all-cast dress reh. May 8 & 16.)
- **THE EYJA WINTER SHOWCASE** is a free show for the public, featuring polished youth acts of *all* levels. We're shooting for either **March 16 or 23** at South View M.S. in Edina. (Edina theaters can't be reserved until two months prior to target dates.) Interested performers should consult with a coach and preview their act *by* Fri., Feb 24. Work on your acts *now* in order to be best prepared & polished!
- **JINGLE JAM** is on Sat., 12/10, 5:30-9:00 pm at **Calvary Church** in Edina. Cost: \$12 plus potluck. Register by 12/8 via green invitation or via our website.
- **Stocking stuffer DVDs:** Juggle Jams 6-13=\$25 each.
- **MADFEST forms** (U.C./Elite) are due Tue., 12/20/11.
- **MEGA CAMPS for Winter 2012** are from 9-5 pm on 1/16, 1/30, and 3/9. Cost: \$55 w/lunch. Half-days: 9-12:30/1:30-5 w/o lunch, \$25. Register online or at JH.
- **MONDO JuggleFest 2012** will be **Feb. 17-19** in St. Paul. Options to attend with our group are Friday night (invite only) and all day/eve Saturday. Register through your Jan. newsletter.

## Paul's Platform: "Mentorship Multiplied"

Since I'm an undisciplined person by nature, I need exert extra effort to conquer certain fundamental tasks such as fitness, proper nutrition, and even daily flossing. (I now practice all three daily, but it took me *many* cavities and *many* weight fluctuations to come to the point where I perform these disciplines as a matter of non-negotiable, second-nature, daily routine.) In fact, I'm developing a list of about 10 categories of personal disciplines--but more on that later. My point is that some disciplines are easily quantifiable (e.g., running mileage, minutes of music practice), while others are much harder to define or measure (e.g., time invested in a marriage or in a child). It is the general area of mentorship to which I feel called to step up my personal discipline efforts.

Give or take, I have 28 nieces & nephews, a grand-nephew, and 150 Jugheads, plus friends' kids and young adults (including 39 Jughead grads) whom I know on various levels of trust and intimacy. To be blunt, Wendy & I feel like we could easily make a full-time job out of loving various people in our lives who have needs ranging from simple encouragement to survival skills. While Wendy & I were investing time with an 18-year-old family friend this fall, I quipped to the young lady that I have to make a *conscious choice* to spend time even in casual conversations, lest I allow my personal disciplines (and need for down time) to unduly dominate my schedule. In other words, whether socializing with my relatives or going out of my way for an adolescent or young adult, I need to discipline myself to make mentorship a *habit*.

One prayer of late is that as I endeavor to mentor others (esp. Jughead leaders and other assorted 15-25 year-olds, as they are open to it), they will in turn be fruitful in their own efforts to pass mentorship along to others. Mentorship is not always convenient, but what a harvest of peace and righteousness is yielded when we invest our time, talents, and treasures in *people* rather than *only* in self-focused pursuits! I don't aim to give up on my seemingly "self-centered" disciplines, but I'll *multiply* my disciplines by increasing my bold & deliberate mentorship of others--with hopes that a little investment will go a long way.

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