

JUGHEADS

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2nd Semester Tuition: Dec. Discounts! Registration for Feb. 5–June 8, 2018

Two years ago, we streamlined our club registration process from seasonal trimesters to semesters. (Our 1st sem. ends Feb. 2 to make the payments as equal as possible and account for JJ20 fees.) Families can budget to pay in June for 1st sem. and in Dec. for 2nd sem. The only additional (elective) fees are for attending festival(s) with us or registering for MEA or 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 12/31/17).

CLUB	CLOSED	@EMMAUS	COST*
Thurs. Rec.	3/29	4/19	\$495
Fri. Rec.	3/30, 5/18	4/20	\$470
Advanced	3/28, 5/9	4/18	\$470
Elite	3/27, 5/15	—	\$470
Ultimate	3/29	4/19	\$620

*Tuition costs include JJ20 goodies (T-shirt, cast photo, DVD).

Officer Voice by Hans J.

Over my time in JH, I've questioned if this is really how I want to spend six hours of my week. Nevertheless, I've stayed increasingly involved in this program. Recently however, what's got me questioning is my involvement in something completely different from JH, the Edina Cycling Team. You see, cycling has completely transformed my life for the better. I've made friends, had life changing experiences, and most importantly taken my physical abilities from abysmal to a point far above that. I was just named one of the captains of the team for the 2018-2019 season, which greatly increases my time commitment to the team, as well as motivates me to devote more time to the sport.

This is where JH comes into play: I am not the only member of this amazing program who goes through these struggles. Balancing JH, other sports, clubs, homework, and friends is an issue that almost every high school student has had to face. The reality that there is not an infinite amount of time at our disposal to do with as we please is unfortunate. The time that JH takes up, three hours directly after school, forces it compete with most other sports. However, I strongly believe that I will continue with JH, and other students in a similar situation as me should as well.



JH is completely unique, juggling is unique, youth juggling is even more unique, but packaging it with performances and the standards to motivate you to keep going, nothing else like this can be found anywhere in the world. Realistically, many of the current Jugheads will not continue juggling as they move through life, and realistically I will not either, which makes the decision to spend time on something that I won't take with me all my life even harder. I may not have admitted it at the time, but there was a doubt in my mind if I would return this school year, but as you can see I did and I'm glad that I did. Just how cycling has allowed to me to make new friends and allowed me great experiences, JH has too.

— **Hans J.**: 6th year Jughead; Elite member; Officer; Advanced Club Assistant; HS ophomore

Quick Takes: 2018 Juggling Festivals

MADFEST '18 is set for **Jan. 12-14** in Madison, WI. Our time-tested combo of a road trip, hotel stay, and extended time to juggle make this trip a favorite memory and perennial priority for 25-35 of our Advanced, Elite & Ultimate Club Jugheads.

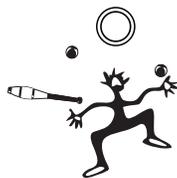
MONDO '18 is a tradition offering an all-day/evening juggling festival experience to 20-30 Jugheads of all levels. Paul will lead a smaller group on Fri. eve., **Feb. 16** and a larger group on Sat., **Feb. 17** from 8:30 a.m.-11-ish p.m. Look for forms at club.

THE IJA FESTIVAL is a comprehensive milestone experience for many who count JH as a big part of their lives. Our 22nd annual trip is **July 16-22** in Springfield, MA and will include 15-25 Jugheads from our higher clubs (7th grade minimum). Any Jughead considering IJA with us should attend a mandatory info. meeting on either **Thur., Feb. 1** or **Tue., Feb. 6** from 6-7 p.m.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Thursday Rec. Club

Rookies & veterans find welcome, challenges

With the cancellation of Monday Rec. this year, Thursday Rec. now stands alone as the main entry-level club for elementary and younger middle school students starting their Jughead careers. At the same time, some stick with Thursday Rec. for four or five years! This makes for a club that is simultaneously welcoming to rookies and challenging to veterans, especially those aspiring to join Advanced or Elite (and therefore achieve those higher standards). Our JJ20 club theme will pay tribute to various "storybook" routines that have been an occasional signature of this creative, kinetic, and friendship-filled club.



JH Community News

- **CALLING ALL GRADS:** Since summer, Wendy has been collecting current email addresses for many of our 88 grads toward some special plans for JJ20 next May. Our ideas range from grads' live participation in the shows to submitting video greetings to writing a brief program insert akin to "Where Are They Now?," giving key updates and connecting our current families to many young adults who have come through our company. If you have any contact info. for JH grads, please email Wendy.
- **CONGRATS** to 3 Club Endurance champs **Eli B.** (Thur.) and **Ben M.** (Fri.)! **Isaac C.** won 4 Rings (Adv.), and **Skip N.** won both 5 Rings (Elite) *and* 5 Clubs (UC)! Fully 51% of competing Jugheads achieved records in these contests!
- **JINGLE JAM** is Sat., 12/9, 5-9 pm. RSVP via Sign-Up Genius; no cost except bringing a pot-luck item to share.
- **Officer Meetings:** 12/2 @ Hadjiyanises'; 1/20 @ Halls'.
- **MADFEST forms** (U.C./Elite/Adv.) are due 12/8/17.
- **The 13th annual WINTER SHOWCASE** is a free public show featuring polished youth acts of *all* levels on **3/17/18** at the Hopkins H.S. Little Theater. Interested performers/emcees should *apply* in writing, *consult* with **Student Director Joshua N.** by 1/31, and *preview* their act/bit by 2/28. Work *now* to be best-prepared & polished!
- **SUMMER CAMPS 2018** will be offered from June 11-July 13. Reg. info. in March; SLT apps are due by Fri., March 23.
- **Collector/Gift DVDs:** *Juggle Jams 6-19*=\$20 ea./2 for \$30.
- **The 2016-'17 JH YEARBOOK** is done! Search Jugheads on **blurb.com** for Wendy's 9th annual creation.

Paul's Platform:

"Quality Time vs. Quantity Time"

This concludes a 2017 series on the importance and proper use of words.

In '90's, the concept of "quality time" was a popular cultural topic. As our society became busier (even *before* ubiquitous internet, smart phones, and the prevalence of long-distance commuting), some psychologists and pundits advocated for spending quality time with one's children in lieu of shrinking hours in a day in our modern world. Stats accompanying this social trend cited the emaciated time that parents (especially fathers) spend with their kids—some claiming seven minutes a week—with the implication

that as long as we *know* we have limited time, we might as well make it a *quality* experience.

Being a somewhat relational person myself, I've never been a fan of the above argument—that one can make up for busy-ness by simply justifying next-to-nothing time spent with a loved one, friend or mentee as "quality." Yes, I firmly believe that life is short; I freely admit that my own goals and responsibilities often shortchange my time devoted to others (often favoring tasks or personal goals); and I agree with author **Gary Chapman** that Quality Time ("giving someone your undivided attention") is one of *The Five Love Languages*. But in my experience, there are no detours to get to quality time. We need to go through the age-old route of "quantity time."

Here at JUGHEADS, that's why we offer snack and game time: not only to juggle together, but to eat and play together (however haphazardly, especially for late-arrivals and early departures). That's why we offer special events, such as Jingle Jam, juggling festivals, gigs, our summer picnic & parades, and the *Showcase*. That's why our SLT has a fall retreat and meets monthly. And that's why we celebrate our graduating seniors every year at JJ, since it is special to extend one's quantity time commitment through the end of high school.

I'm a Type A personality in most everything I do. Even my days off are marked by my daily disciplines of Bible reading, exercise, chores, neglected tasks, etc. However, the sweetest thing about those days off is that I often have about 3-6 hours of completely discretionary time to catch up on reading, contact a friend, host a family for a movie night, or enjoy a long conversation with Wendy over Sunday brunch. Similarly, the rhythm of activities at JH is always purposeful—warm-ups, meetings, records, rehearsals—but even those activities are designed to bring a quality experience to the members and leaders. Our staple offerings use quantity time to get to the quality time of a myriad of connections, a place to belong, a home away from home, and young lives made better and equipped with long-term virtues to spread "quality" to many others they meet for a lifetime.

I'll end with two favorite related clichés: "Love is spelled 'T-I-M-E,'" and "Everything takes longer than it does." Quality time comes through quantity time. Be purposeful even on days off with down time to spare, but be careful to not pretend that connections can be made, nurtured and sustained like a microwave, drive-thru, or by osmosis. For such a time as this, JH exists to offer quantity *and* quality time to children and youth while encouraging families to do the same.

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