

IJA eNewsletter



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- Portland, OR

IJA Festival
Bowling Green, Ohio
July 15 - 21, 2013
 Fest info and registration:
<http://www.juggle.org/festival>
 Watch for a special Festival newsletter in June

Help attract new members by spreading the word!

Special World Juggling Day Offer

On June 15 & 16, NEW IJA members can join for only:

- \$14 for Youth [usually \$24]**
- \$19 for Adults [usually \$29]**

Join at: juggle.org/IJA

Pass along this special two-day offer by printing and handing out copies of the half-page flyer below. [Download the PDF file](#) which has two flyers per page, print a bunch, and cut them in half. **Give them out at juggling meetings, at WJD events, at shows, at festivals, anywhere you find jugglers! Help bring in new members. Buy gift memberships for your non-IJA friends at the reduced rates.** The special WJD prices are for people who have never been IJA members -- there are too many of those folks out there, so hand out the flyers and bring them onboard. Or at least tell interested jugglers the URL: juggle.org/IJA.

[Download PDF with two half-page flyers for Special WJD Offer](#)

Happy World Juggling Day!

from your friends at the International Jugglers' Association



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www.JUGGLE.org/IJA



Why become an IJA member?

- Discounts on juggling props and DVDs.
- eJuggle: the IJA's electronic magazine.
- Exclusive videos from juggling greats like Gatto, Peden, and Gilligan.
- Exclusive juggling videos from IJA competitions around the world.
- IJA group-rate liability insurance.
- Dues support youth education and global outreach programs.
- Network with professional and amateur jugglers across the globe.

The International Jugglers' Association is a 66-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to rendering assistance to fellow jugglers around the world via stage competitions, global outreach programs, online publications, and an annual convention.

The IJA's programming is made possible by members like you! Thank You!



World Juggling Day is just around the corner!

This year's World Juggling Day (WJD) is looking like it could be the biggest and most widely celebrated WJD yet!! Jugglers from over 40 countries have confirmed that they will be celebrating the day, and reports are coming in daily of festivals, picnics, gatherings, and other exciting events that will be taking place

2013 World Juggling Day, by Erin Stephens

The IJA is excited to announce that it has partnered with Ripley's Believe It or Not to bring World Juggling Day celebrations to upwards of 15 Ripley's international museum locations. They will be doing regional and international publicity of these events, which could bring some GREAT media attention to WJD, the IJA, and the juggling community as a whole! Jugglers have been hugely receptive to this partnership, expressing excitement about being involved, and even going so far as to ask if Ripley's could send reps to their events that are not near the participating locations.

The locations currently confirmed include:

USA

Orlando, FL
Key West, FL
St. Augustine, FL
San Francisco, CA
Baltimore, MD
San Antonio, TX
Grand Prairie, TX
Myrtle Beach, SC
Gatlinburg, TN
Branson, MO
Newport, OR

Canada

Niagara Falls

Thailand

Pattaya

We also have jugglers confirmed for: London, England; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Guadalajara and Mexico City, Mexico. We are waiting for confirmation from these locations on willingness to host celebrations.

If you are from any of these locations and are interested in being a part of the celebrations, contact Erin Stephens at stephens@juggle.org, to find out how to contact the point person for that venue.



I ♥ IJA Photo Project

**The Hong Kong crew is ready for the WJD “I ♥ IJA” photo project. Are you?**

Take a creative photo of yourself holding an “I ♥ IJA” sign, post it to your Facebook wall, tag the IJA Facebook page, and be entered into the drawing for great prizes. For more information and printable PDFs of the signs, visit:

<http://www.juggle.org/wjd/heart.php>

Prizes sponsored by: Flying Clipper and Juggling Market

Collaboration Video

The World Juggling Day collaboration videos of 2011 and 2012 were a HUGE success! With over 40 confirmed countries celebrating this year, plus 15 Ripley’s venues and countless events that are being planned in nooks and crannies all over the world, we can’t wait to see what the 2013 video will look like!

Read the details on how to be part of the video, here: <http://www.juggle.org/wjd/video.php>

For all other information, and to register your event, visit the WJD home page: <http://www.juggle.org/wjd/>

Now in the IJA Store juggle.org/store

**WORLD
JUGGLING
DAY
TEES!** \$15 + S&H
[WORLDWIDE]

2013 WJD T-shirts!

Get your WJD T-shirt from the [IJA Store](http://www.juggle.org/store) while they last! People have loved the design this year, so they could go fast! Your purchase goes towards supporting future WJD organizing.

Design by: www.jocularare.com

[IJA Store](http://www.juggle.org/store)

Nominations 2013, by *Don Lewis*

Well, this is strange. For the first time in years everyone is so content with the current Board that as of the May deadline, **NO-ONE** had submitted a nomination!

This is so not cool. There's no automatic extension for those leaving the Board so you can't count on retiring Board members to stick around. That means that the guy or gal that gets a couple of gag write-in votes during the election might actually be elected. Is that what you really want?

On the presumption that that isn't what you really want to have happen, the Board has **extended the nomination deadline to June 17, 2013**. There are now two nominations for three Board positions. We need at least one more nomination to avoid an unpredictable result.

Either nominate someone or step up yourself. This is a volunteer based association. In recent years members have fought to make sure it remains that way. We can't keep membership fees low AND afford staff to run everything. That means that several of you have to devote a night a month to IJA Board meetings. If you really hate that idea, then nominate someone else, please

Anyone interested in playing in the Jugglers' Band for the 2013 IJA Fest, contact Bruce Plott at bruceplott@comcast.net.

The Happy Fun Bus to the IJA Festival!

Looking for a fun and affordable way to get to the IJA festival this summer? Happy Fun Bus may be just the ticket you're looking for. A group of IJA members led by Jim Maxwell is hoping to charter a bus from **Austin**, Texas, to Bowling Green State University, with planned stops peppered throughout the Midwest.

THE PLAN: Depart Austin early on Sunday, July 14. There would be at least 5 pick up points along the way in the vicinities of **Dallas**, TX, **Tulsa**, OK or **Fayetteville**, AR, **Kansas City**, MO, **St. Louis**, MO, and **Indianapolis**, IN. The bus should arrive at BGSU in Ohio before noon on Monday, July 15, and would depart BGSU early on Sunday, July 21.

THE BUS: Late-model (2012 or 2013) 56-seat passenger coach; includes drivers, free wi-fi, DVD playback, on-board

lavatory, and undercarriage compartment for stowing luggage and equipment.

THE COST (estimate): \$250 round-trip from Austin with prorated fares from points north. Actual cost is contingent on total number of paid passengers. Final fare schedule and itinerary to be published May 1, 2013. All fares are round-trip and must be secured with full prepayment no later than June 1, 2013.

For more information and to register interest, please contact:

Jim Maxwell at jmax@place.org and/or join the group on Facebook where finer details will be discussed and vetted:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/223684464444975/>

Sprout Some Green Clubs, by Don Lewis

It is spring in Montreal. As the piles of snow rapidly melt and the grass begins to turn green, juggling is starting to happen outdoors in the parks.

I was juggling outside at a local college's spring fair recently. Quite a few students came up and dipped into a bucket of balls for a bit of fun. Many had learned to juggle in elementary school, but hadn't juggled since. A few tried clubs for the first time and were quite surprised to discover that a ball juggler can learn to juggle clubs quite quickly.

The real problem then becomes how to get them to keep practicing when they don't have clubs of their own. Most college students are not going to run out and order a set of expensive clubs based on a few minutes of practice.

That is where Green Clubs are ideal. They're cheap to make out of easily available recycled materials. They're well balanced, and have flexible handles which are easy on a beginner's hands. They're so cheap to make you can afford to give them away.

One of the students that I met is going to be working at a summer camp. I'll bet they add making juggling clubs to their summer activities. What a great way to make club juggling more accessible.

Help spread the word. When you meet jugglers that need a cheap set of clubs, tell them about the Green Club Project.

The plans for making these clubs from mostly recycled materials are available free on the IJA website in English, French and Spanish.

Clubs made from old plastic bottles and bits of broom handle have probably been around in various forms for as long as those items have existed. Jon Poppele designed a better version that is as close to a professionally made juggling club as possible using recycled materials. He printed up his design and instructions and sold copies for a modest price.



Some time later, Greg Phillips from the Kingston Juggling Club saw these clubs being made at a Montreal juggling festival and was impressed by the elegance of the design and the ease of fabrication. He asked Jon to consider making his design available on the Internet under a creative commons license. Greg, with input from Jon, created a digital version of the plans and made them available to all.

Once the digital version of the plans became available members of Les Jongleurs Associés du Québec provided translation in French and Spanish. Translations into other languages are welcome. You provide the translated text, and we will provide the page layout to create a finished document.

The plans are available free on several websites, including the IJA's website.

My clubs have gotten pretty beat up over the years from lending them to beginners for an hour or two at the gym. So I keep an extra set of Green Clubs in my prop bag which I can cheerfully hand out. When the aspiring club juggler returns them at the end of a session I can just tell them to hang on to the clubs and keep practicing at home. That is usually good for a wide smile which seems like a pretty good payment to me.

I've often been surprised by people who come up to me and tell me about the variations that they have created. I've seen versions sprayed with glitter paint, trailing streamers, holding bouquets of flowers, madly flashing with embedded dollar store led lighted hair extensions, blowing smoke, just to mention just a few. You can even make a pretty good torch by replacing the bottle with a piece of aluminum tube and adding a wick. Jugglers are endlessly creative. You can use this design as a base for your own fantasy.

<http://www.juggle.org/howto/greenclubs/gcp.php>

<http://kingstonjugglers.org/gcp/index.html>

<http://www.juggler.org/diy/clubs.shtml>

Teaching at Another Camp C.O.P.E., by Bob Neumann

I have been volunteering at Camp C.O.P.E. for the last few years. It is a weekend "camp" that provides military families a weekend "away." Certified therapists teach children how to cope with their changed world due to deployments, injury or loss of a family member. The camps are free of charge for the families.

This camp was held in Texas Hill Country at a 550 acre camp named Mo Ranch. The camp is used for group meetings, summer camps and all sorts of events. It boasts a ropes course, stables, hiking trails, a river runs through it (swimming and canoes), a swimming pool and Texas friendly staff! It is so remote that there is no cellphone service and very little wifi....making for an old timey camp experience.

I have developed a juggling class that incorporates and complements the curriculum that the therapists use. The campers are divided into age groups.



This time there were 180 children and their families. Camp C.O.P.E. also offers a seminar on "parenting" where I also teach juggling (complementing what the therapist is trying to convey). Every person I teach leaves with three juggling balls that I make and give to them.

I'm not going to rehash what I wrote about in previous articles (drop lines, making juggling balls, etc.). I'd rather share some new insights I gained....

For the first time EVERY child was very engaged and curious about juggling. I usually only see that "spark" in a minority of the campers. This time, in most of the older groups (10 years and older), at least one camper, if not 4-5, could flash 3 balls after just 50 minutes of instruction. Maybe that speaks well for the future of the IJA.

It didn't stop there. About a third of the parenting class of 50 tried juggling with me after my instruction. But when I offered the balls to practice with – they all took three and could be seen later in the weekend practicing with their children.

Because of the sheer number of campers I had to combine groups to teach. I tried to arrange them by age groups but due the geography of the camp (meeting rooms could be ½ mile apart) I had to make some other combinations.

I learned that high schoolers will juggle with 5th graders. The two groups really didn't interact during practice...but they all were intent on practicing. Usually the older groups tend to be

a little more reserved – they are among unknown peers. No one wants to look foolish or odd at that time. But this group just seemed so at ease with one another – they all got into it.

*An important point I WILL repeat from earlier articles: always try and have the supervising adults present. This isn't a break time for them. This helps with discipline (if problems arise), it helps keep large groups on task, and I always encourage the therapists to jump in and correlate what I am teaching to what they are covering in class.

I usually have an hour block with each group (that is, the groups I combine). I try and keep the groups to less than 20 campers. But I will make smaller groups if the combined group seems too rambunctious. Hey, it's camp – they are going to be wound up.

Another valuable tool I use I got from Scotty Meltzer's articles in eJuggle. Simply put: "Write it down!" I had developed my program but thought I could remember it all. Writing my lines down (and when to say them) has really improved my teaching and led to a furtherance of my material. I used to constantly leave good lines out and forget lines. Read Scotty's articles about this – it really helped me.

During the weekend I helped with registration Friday evening. This enabled the campers and their parents to see I am on staff. This, I think, is important because I do not look like I am in the military. So, it's not such a shock when the bearded, long haired guy with an earring shows up to teach juggling.

On Saturday I taught all of the older kids – outside because of the numbers of their numbers. Two important things:

It is hot in Hill Country, so shade and hydration are important.



There are "fire ants" (aka biting ants) so, you MUST tell the campers to check their feet in between when you remind them to.

I also tell each group that I don't mind them approaching me at other times to show me their progress or ask questions. The ones that have the spark certainly will take advantage of this. The groups only meet until 2pm and then the campers and their families partake of all the other activities there are to do. Which is good, because I was pretty dehydrated myself (the instructor must remember to hydrate too) and sunburned – big hat next time.

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Teaching at Another Camp C.O.P.E., *continued from previous page*

Sunday I started with the parenting group. It never ceases to amaze me when I see some of these rather grizzled veterans get so much joy from juggling. A couple of soldiers were really competitive with one another to see which one could get the most catches (they were beat out by an Army mom overall).

Then I gave demonstrations and did some activities with the younger groups. Even though the meeting rooms were smallish and had low ceilings, I did them indoors. It was just too hot for younger children...and there are so many distractions outside at camp. I think [Ellen Winters's](#) recent article in eJuggle really covers the topic of teaching younger kids – so, I won't say anything about this. Read it!

Camp C.O.P.E. has a big graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon. The kids all march down to the river for a big outdoor lunch and pictures. In about half of the groups, some

of the campers led their groups by juggling! Sure, the juggling records are safe – but this is the first time campers have been that enthusiastic about juggling.

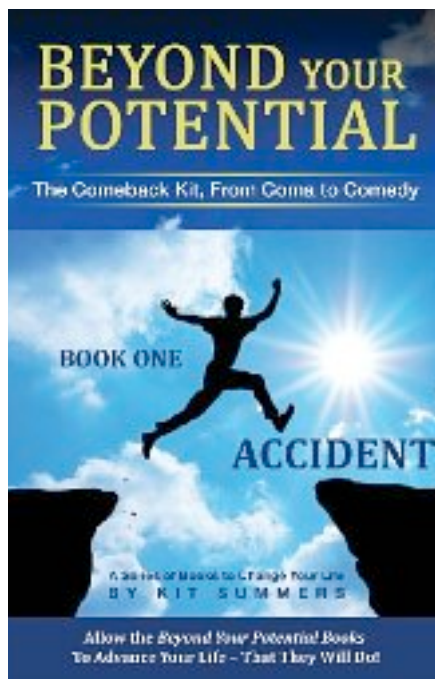
I can't tell you the great feeling when the families approach you and tell you how much they enjoyed the juggling. Some of these are families that are experiencing their 4th and 5th deployments...at great sacrifice. It's the least I can do....

Again, I want to thank everyone involved with the YEP Program: the instructors, guest speakers, and fellow attendees. And all of the jugglers I have cornered and asked for advice at so many fests.

Kit Summers book, *by Lloyd Timberlake*

Many in the IJA know Kit Summers; many more have his early book: *Juggling with Finesse: The definitive book of juggling* (1987). Kit has had what can only be described as a hell-of-a life. He was one of the world's top jugglers, appearing at a casino in New Jersey, when he was hit by a truck on his way to work and spent 37 days in a coma. He had to re-learn to walk, talk and feed himself, but unsurprisingly never regained the ability to juggle seven clubs. He was later thrown in jail for a month for something he did not do. And he was later hit by *another* truck. And through all of this he has managed to stay cheerful, positive and productive, becoming a hit on the inspirational speaker circuit.

Kit has written another book – *Beyond Your Potential* – which is a bit biography, a very little bit about (basic) juggling and a great deal of inspirational material. "From coma to comedy," as Kit puts it. It contains some gems. He once



googled his name and found a Kit Summers in Canada. He got in touch and learned that this other Kit, born with a different name, had had so much bad luck in his life and was so inspired by Kit that he changed his name.

The book comes with a lot of praise. I'll quote one blurb: "Kit Summers has written a highly inspirational book that will get readers to stop seeing themselves as victims and instead proactively start taking charge go their lives. He has walked the walk and by putting his action steps and folk wisdom to use, so will you." - Michel S. Broder, Ph.D

Copies can be had from Amazon, or you can order from Kit directly at only \$15 for an autographed hardcopy or \$5 for a digital copy, including shipping. Kit's email is kitsummers@gmail.com

Support the IJA by Donating Frequent Flier Miles, by Erin Stephens

Do you have extra frequent flier miles? Would you like to support one of the strongest IJA international outreach programs? If you answered yes to both of these questions, please consider donating miles to fly the IJA Regional Competition gold medalists of Chile and Brazil to the 2013 IJA Festival. Email Erin Stephens at stephens@juggle.org to express your interest in being a sponsor! (Financial contributions are also welcome!) Continue reading to find out more about the program.

In the past three years, the IJA has taken huge steps to increase its current international outreach and impact. The IJA Regional Competitions (IRCs), so far held in Mexico, Chile, and Brazil, have quickly made the IJA a popular organization throughout Latin America. They have also demonstrated the IJA's commitment to its mission of "rendering assistance to fellow jugglers" on an international level.

Chile and Brazil were the most recent hosts of the IRCs in October and November of 2012. Carlos Muñoz competed against 12 other finalists and was awarded the gold medal in Peñaflor, Chile. Carlos is the most popular juggler in Chile, trained at the esteemed circus school, Lido, in Toulouse, France, and was recently a special guest at the Turbo Fest in Quebec, Canada. Franklin Chávez Prado competed against six other jugglers and won the gold in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Franklin is an esteemed juggler from Lima, Peru, is a master of physical comedy, and is currently completing his Masters thesis.

The grand prize for winning the IRC gold medal is to be flown to the IJA Festival to compete or perform. Both of these jugglers will be excellent additions to the 2013 IJA Festival, and they will be two of our first South American special guests. Carlos plans to compete in the IJA Stage Championships, and Franklin looks forward to performing his hilarious caricature routine in one of the main shows.

Up until this point, we have had one specific donor, whose frequent flier miles have now been used up. It is our hope that other generous donors will step up to fly these jugglers in to be a part of the 2013 IJA Fest! Remember, the IJA is a non-profit and donations made to the IJA are tax deductible in the US. Please write Erin Stephens at stephens@juggle.org if you are interested in supporting this program.

Thank you for your consideration!





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Latest Articles in eJuggle

eJuggle already has a lot of content — more than you would expect to find in a printed magazine. And you find new content more often. Here is a partial list of recently added content. Use the link to eJuggle to see new content, and log in to access content that is just available to IJA members. <http://e.juggle.org>

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Tricks of the Month- April 2013- w/ Kyle Johnson Kyle Johnson

Juggler’s Scoop – April 22nd, 2013 Nathan Wakefield

This is a partial list, earlier articles omitted.... Get the full list at feed://ezine.juggle.org/feed/

More Festivals! For a list of even more festivals, check the worldwide juggling event listings on the IJA website at:

<http://www.juggle.org/events>.

Juggling Festivals

Berlin Juggling Convention

June 6 - 9, 2013

Berlin, Germany

www.circulum.de/convention/

27th Swiss Juggling Convention

June 7 - 9, 2013

Rohr, Aarau, Switzerland

juggling.ch/festivals/info2013.html

4th Annual Junction Jugglefest

June 8 - 9, 2013

(Junction Auto Sales Lot)

Lisbon, IA 52253

bailswilliam@gmail.com

World Juggling Day

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Everywhere

www.juggle.org/wjd

Flatland Juggling Festival

June 21 - 23, 2013

Lincoln, NE

underthecouch.com/lcj

Juggle This! NYC's 11th Festival

Jun 21 - 23, 2013

Barnard College, 3009 Broadway,

Manhattan, New York 10027 USA

<http://www.jugglethisnyc.com/>

Norwegian Juggling Convention

June 25 - 30, 2013

Levanger, Norway

<http://www.sjonglering.com/>

Boulder Juggling Festival

June 28 - 30, 2013

Boulder, CO

www.bouldercircuscenter.com

FCM Convention

July 8-12, 2013

Nashville, TN

www.fcm.org/usa

IJA Festival 2013

July 15 - 21, 2013

Bowling Green, OH

<http://www.juggle.org/festival>

Kansas City Juggling Festival

September 6 - 8, 2013

Rockhurst High School

Kansas City, MO

kansascityjugglingclub.com

36th European Juggling Convention

July 27 - August 4, 2013

Toulouse, France

<http://www.ejc2013.org/>

Portland Juggling Festival

September 27 - 29, 2013

Portland, OR

<http://www.portlandjugglers.org/>

Having a Juggling Festival? List it here!

If you're organizing a juggling festival (or if you simply know of a juggling fest) and you want to advertise it in the IJA eNewsletter, just drop a note to eNewsletter editor Don Lewis enews@juggle.org. Such listings are free.

The eNewsletter generally comes out near the end of each month. Your festival can be listed for a few months, and you don't have to be an IJA affiliate to have a fest listed. Hey, jugglers want to know about juggling fests. Help them out and get more jugglers to your fest at the same time.