



Ralls County R-II School District

Dear Parents,

This summer, our school district will offer all students, free of charge, a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called Summer Journey. Make no mistake about it. Not only will our summer program will be FUN for kids, it will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of academics during the summer months. This academic time will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge as well as prepare for the school year ahead. Summer Journey's extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in reading, language arts, math, and social studies or science. Other fields of study are also available.

While the academic courses will be relaxed in format—no homework or tests for grades—Summer Journey will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. Summer Journey courses may include a rocket class, where students learn the basic principles of flight as they construct and fly real rockets, or a cooking course, where they learn basic cooking techniques. Other courses that may be offered include *Simple Machines Camp*, designed to introduce students to elements of engineering, and *Lifetime Sports*, designed to develop the body and encourage a lifetime of fitness. These are only a sample of the courses that may be offered.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in fall 2020, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in Summer Journey. We have noticed that when these young students meet their teachers, fellow students, and our staff during the summer, they are eager to return in the fall and find that “first day of school” experience to be a positive one.

Finally, Summer Journey offers an enticing incentive program for students. Students will be eligible to receive daily rewards if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude and behavior, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win Grand Prizes, which will be awarded on the final day. And, as in past years, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with Attendance Recognition gift cards, ranging from \$50 for “near perfect” attendance to \$100 for “perfect attendance.”

Who should attend Summer Journey? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Tara Lewis

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Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Ralls County R-II *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by the Ralls County R-II to provide a world-class educational experience to district students.

What does the program cost to parents?

The programming is free to all students.

When will the program be held?

The Ralls County R-II *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning on July 6 and ending on July 24, 2020, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Dates could be changed based on the number of days missed due to inclement weather. Changes will be announced.

Must my child be in attendance every hour of the program in order to receive credit for the *Summer Journey* program?

No. It is assumed that students may have vacations or camps planned. While prizes for good attendance are available, a child's occasional absence should not deter parents from enrolling their children in the program.

Will transportation be provided to and from the program?

Yes, transportation will be provided from a central pick-up point in Perry, Center, and New London. In Perry and Center, students will be picked up at the City Park, and in New London, students will be picked up from Ruth Roy Wright Park.

What will my child(ren) do each day?

In the morning, Elementary and Middle School *Summer Journey* students will attend exciting academic classes where they may read interesting adventure stories, play language arts games, and/or use technology to solve math mysteries. A typical schedule would include four morning classes of Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science or Social Studies. After lunch, students will explore three fun-filled courses for the first 10 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 9 days.

How does the incentive program work?

Many students will win daily incentives for their efforts through a daily drawing or some similar format established by the summer site. Your student is also eligible to receive one of the following incentives for their *Summer Journey* attendance:

- 0 hours missed = \$100 gift card
- 0 - 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- Over 7 - 14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, through a special state grant, ALL students will receive a free breakfast and lunch.

How do I enroll my child for *Summer Journey*?

Enroll your child through the online form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeT3Oe3ISR8liU6aRhfcmu9xkWd2WUdPpKQ6g5SIC01WkhfmA/viewform>



Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

\$75 Shopping Card

Up to 7 hours* missed

\$50 Shopping Card

Over 7 hours, up to 14 hours* missed

* 7 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

*14 hours is the equivalent of two days missed.

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls. The attendance incentives are contingent on actual (full-day) attendance in the *Summer Journey*™ program.

Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

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Summer Journey™ K–8 Course Information

All **Academic Courses** (Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science and/or Social Studies) are offered during morning sessions. All **Journey Courses** are offered during afternoon sessions. Students participate in *Journey* courses for two-week blocks, enabling every student to participate in six *Journey* courses.

Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

Adventures in My Own Backyard

Kindergarten “explorers” respond with fascination and wonder as they explore habitats typically found in their own backyard. Multi-sensory activities are used extensively, providing opportunities for meaningful engagement with the learning process. Students’ knowledge of the natural world is fostered along with concepts such as color and shape recognition, fine-motor development, phonemic awareness, and counting and sorting. This unit offers multi-level activities and is appropriate for districts with a wide variance in student population, including children with little or no previous school experience.

Kamp Kindergarten

In the afternoon portion of the day, students unpack their sleeping bags for a quiet time as they listen to nature sounds and engage in physical movement activities focused around the theme of camping. Students develop cooperation skills as they investigate manipulatives and games during Backpack Explorations. From creating s’mores to sharing

campfire stories, young campers enjoy their stay at Kamp Kindergarten.

Primary

(students entering grades 1, 2, 3 in the Fall)

BrickLAB: Magic Beans Launch into Rockets
Cubelets BOT Builder Movement & Rhythm
Summer Seuss Scratch Camp

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Art With an Aptitude Rockets Junior
To Games and Beyond Hoopla
Retro Recreation Readers’ Theatre

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Daily Challenge Plus Drone Designers
Summer Camp Classics Classroom Cooks
Structural Design Local Action

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Enrollment Information Enclosed

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