

Wentzville R-IV School District

Dear Parents,

The Wentzville School District is pleased to share that we will once again be offering a Summer School Program for K-8 students called **Summer Journey** which is free of charge for our families and is an exciting approach to learning for our students. In the morning, the summer school program provides an opportunity for students to engage in over 60 hours of enrichment as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. **Summer Journey's** academic courses include hands-on instruction centered in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies.

While all of 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 classes could include the Scratch Camp that develops students' skills in coding and collaboration. Other courses which may be offered include 3-2-1 Blastoff, Pirate Camp, Oceanic Exploration, and Simple Machines.

In addition, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2022, I ask that you consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new students meet 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.

Lastly, **Summer Journey** also provides an incentives program. Students will be eligible to receive daily prizes if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win Grand Prizes that will be awarded on the final day, which includes attendance recognitions. Attendance recognitions range from \$30 for "near perfect" attendance to \$60 for "perfect attendance."

I encourage you to take the time to review the enclosed information and consider enrolling your child in this fun, educational opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curtis Cain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "C".

Dr. Curtis Cain
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Wentzville R-IV *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by the Wentzville R-IV 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 Wentzville R-IV *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning on June 7 and ending on June 30, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Week 1 is Tuesday – Friday. The remaining weeks are Monday – Thursday.

Hosting Schools:

Duello Elementary K-5

Discovery Ridge Elementary K-5

Journey Elementary K-5

Lakeview Elementary K-5

Crossroads Elementary K-5

Wabash Elementary K-5

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 to students, 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?

Families will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from summer school.

What will my child(ren) do each day?

In the morning, Elementary *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 8 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 8 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 = \$60 gift card
- 0–7 hours missed = \$45 gift card
- 8–14 hours missed = \$30 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, students will be served lunches using the same systems used during the regular school term. Breakfast and lunch will be served free of charge this summer.

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

Enrollment is available by an e-Form in the WSD Tyler SIS 360 Portal.



Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

\$60 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

\$45 Shopping Card

Up to 7 hours* missed

\$30 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.

Wentzville R-IV *Summer Journey*[™] Course Offerings

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.

3-2-1 Blastoff!

We’re blasting off into fun and learning during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. This theme-packed unit is sure to delight and amaze all budding astronauts! After enjoying a daily quiet time under the stars, students rotate through different playful planets and participate in astronaut training camp. From creating silly aliens to designing outer space rockets, this course offers an out-of-this-world experience!

Primary

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

Act It Out	BrickLAB: Zoo Camp
Launch Into Rockets	Pirate Camp
Scratch Camp	Yoga-cize

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Ready, Set, Drone!	Rockets Junior
Sports Clip Junior	Retro Recreation
Oceanic Explorations	Simple Machines

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