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Dear Parents,

This summer, Bayless will once again offer K-8 students, free of charge, a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it; our summer program is FUN for kids. Yet, our summer school program also provides an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. **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 important fields of study are also available.

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 this summer may include

- **Adventure and Mystery** - Students find themselves on a swashbuckling adventure as they read about pirates and then become detectives as they investigate two exciting mysteries.
- **The Write Stuff** - With a focus on author's purpose and descriptive writing, students improve their writing skills with engaging team writing activities like a treasure hunt.
- **Mathemagic** - Students further refine their understanding of basic mathematical concepts through brain teasers, logic and reasoning skill activities.
- **Animal Antics** - Early learners investigate animals and their habitats around the world and participate in a science lab setting making connections with the world around them.
- **Nature with a Twist** - Students' imaginations will run wild as each craft, game, and activity will have a nature theme such as the environment, land, animals from around the world, plants, and much more. Stained glass ornaments, painted pet rocks, handcrafted games, and jungle jute bracelets are just a few of the fun activities students will enjoy.

In addition, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2023, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new 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, to make the program even more enticing to students, **Summer Journey** will again offer an incentive program.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Ruzicka  
Superintendent of Schools

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the *Summer Journey* program?**

The Bayless School District *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by the Bayless School District 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 Bayless School District *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning June 1 and ending on June 30, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Bayless Elementary (K-5) and Bayless Jr High (6-8).

***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 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?**

Yes, transportation will be provided for those student families who qualify for transportation during the regular school year. However, bus routes will be limited and may vary from routes during the regular school year. Transportation information will be sent to those families who require transportation as soon as the plan becomes available.

### **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 first 11 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in last 11 days.

### **How does the incentive program work?**

Information regarding the incentive program will be provided prior to the beginning of the program.

### **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*?**

Complete the Annual Update for the coming school year on the Infinite Campus Portal.

# Bayless School District *Summer Journey*<sup>™</sup> Course Offerings

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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)

### Kids at Work

“Work” is fun in the four-weekly mini units Dinosaur Bones, Pat-A-Cake, At the Pet Shop, and Detectives for Hire. Students build on prior knowledge as they learn about a variety of careers. Each activity is designed to foster early learning concepts, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, measurement, counting, and shape recognition. Thematic centers and literature-based math activities complete the morning. From digging for fossils to tracking down missing letters, this unit offers multi-level activities appropriate for all early learners.

### Primary

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

Yoga-cize	Sports Science
BrickLAB: Magic Beans	Tech Lab
Nature with a Twist	Air Time

### Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Build a Better World	
Readers' Theatre	Rockets Junior
Sports Clip Junior	Strings & Beads
What's Cooking?	

## Road Trip

Pack your bags for an exciting adventure!

Kindergarten students are off on a Kindergarten Road Trip as they visit exciting places during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. After daily quiet time at the rest stop, students will enjoy theme-related activities while traveling to places they explore in engaging read-aloud books. Next, students will rev up their engines as they engage in gross motor play. Last stop is a visit to each destination's activity stations, where students will engage in purposeful play. Summer fun destinations include going fishin', visiting an amusement park, and heading to the beach. From taking a ride on a classroom roller coaster to sailing on the ocean waves, this trip is sure to be a dream vacation!

### Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Blocksmith Camp	BrickLAB Genetics
Eggs-traordinary Physics	Just Golf
60 Seconds or Less	Survivor Camp

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