



Bowling Green R-I School District

Dear Parents,

This summer, our school district will again offer incoming K – 5th grade 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 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, live well, 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.

This year, Frankford Elementary students will be able to choose either Summer Journey at Bowling Green Elementary or a traditional summer school at Frankford Elementary. If choosing the traditional summer school at FE, please note students will not be eligible for the incentive program (daily prizes, grand prize, or Attendance gift cards) as that is only offered through Summer Journey. We also want you to be aware that once you have chosen one of the elementary sites, you will not be able to switch to the other site.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in fall 2023, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey** or Frankford Elementary summer school. 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. Additionally, 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,
Matthew L. Frederickson, PhD
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

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

What does the program cost to parents?

The program is free to all students.

When will the program be held?

The Bowling Green R-I *Summer Journey* operates daily at Bowling Green Elementary from May 30 through June 23, 2023. School hours are 8:00am to 3:00pm.

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?

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. **The deadline for bus transportation is May 12, 2023.**

What will my child(ren) do each day?

In the morning, *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:

- Perfect attendance (0 minutes absent)= \$100 gift card
- Up to one day (7 hours) missed = \$75 gift card
- Up to two days (14 hours) missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, the District has applied for a special state grant whereby ALL students would receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. In the event the grant is not approved, breakfast and lunch will be served using the same systems that are currently in place.

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

Simply fill out the enrollment form found in the front pocket of this brochure and return it to your child's school or complete online enrollment at <https://forms.gle/8PmfN3mHsF5GLMXj6>. **If enrolling your child in summer school at Frankford Elementary, please call the FE office to request a form.**



Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance
(0 minutes missed)

\$75 Shopping Card

Up to one day missed
(Up to 7 hours missed)

\$50 Shopping Card

Over one day, up to two days missed
(Over 7 hours, up to 14 hours 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.

Bowling Green R-I 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)

Let's Go Visiting

Students visit and explore fascinating places in a child's world during the weekly mini-units Let's Visit the Garden, Let's Visit the Zoo, Let's Visit the Farm, and Let's Visit the Aquarium. Building on students' prior knowledge, engaging, theme-related activities foster early learning concepts and skills, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, sorting, and counting. Games, manipulatives, literature response, and writing activities inspire active learning while integrated science and social studies concepts support meaningful learning connections and nurture students' natural curiosity.

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!

Primary

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

Local Action
Nature with a Twist
The Science of Super Powers
Summer Seuss
Magic Show
Movement and Rhythm

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Readers' Theatre
Local Action
Art With an Aptitude
What's Cooking?
Rockets Junior
Retro Recreation

Bowling Green R-I School District

Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Changes will be announced.

Bowling Green R-I Summer Journey™ 2023 K-5 Enrollment Form

I. Student Information - (please print)

Please use student's legal name and 2023-24 year school information

Date: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Current School: _____ 23-24 Grade Level: _____

Student Address (include physical address if using P.O. Box for mail):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/ Guardian 1: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/ Guardian 2: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Cell Phone: _____

Ethnicity: (circle one) *Asian/Pacific Islander* *American Indian*
Black *Caucasian* *Hispanic*

Gender: (circle one) *Male* *Female*

Birth Date: _____

Siblings Attending Summer Journey

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

II. School Arrival/Dismissal (Please select only one)

Bus Transportation (deadline is May 12, 2023)

Will your child be riding the bus? Yes _____ No _____

AM Transportation Address (if different from above):

PM Transportation Address (if different from above):

Other Transportation

Walk _____ Car _____

Authorized Pick-Up People: _____

22-23 BGE Pick-Up #: _____

(Summer school will use the same #s. If you do not have a number, one will be assigned to you.)

Please provide me with information about the after school YMCA Program Yes _____ No _____

**Don't Delay– Enroll NOW in this FREE
program!**

III. Health Information

Health problems or concerns: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Is your child allergic to anything? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please identify: _____

Will your child need medication during *Summer Journey*?

Yes* _____ No _____

Name of Drug: _____

*if yes, child must have a medical form on site.

*Each child is required to have an up-to-date immunization record on file with the school nurse.

In case of accident or serious illness, I request school personnel to contact me, alternate authorized persons, or the named physician. If it is impossible to contact me, authorized persons, or the physician, the school personnel may make emergency arrangements as necessary to care for my child. Yes _____ No _____

IV. Photo Release

I will allow any pictures taken of my child during participation in Summer Journey to be used for advertising and promotional purposes. Yes _____ No _____

Parent/ Guardian signature: _____

Date _____

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