

Joel E. Barber Elementary

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 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 Machine*, 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 2023, 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. 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, Rachelle Jennings Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Summer Journey program?

The Joel E. Barber *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Joel E. Barber Elementary 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 Joel E. Barber *Summer Journey* operates Monday – Thursday from May 30 through June 28, 2023. Daily program runtime is from 7:30am 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.

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 9 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 missed)= \$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, students will be served both breakfast and lunch each day of summer school. Just like the regular school year, breakfast will be free for all students while students have the option to purchase a lunch or bring a lunch from home. The cost of lunch will be the same as during the regular school year.

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.



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 $Summer\ Journey^{TM}$ program.

Daily Incentives

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

Joel E. Barber 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) 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 multilevel activities appropriate for all early learners.

3-2-1 Blast Off!

We're blasting off into fun and learning during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. This theme-packed course is sure to delight and amaze all budding astronauts! After enjoying daily quiet time under the stars, students explore the solar system and participate in astronaut training camp. From planning a mission to Mars to designing a spaceship, this course offers an out-of-this-world experience!

Primary

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

Pirate Camp Nature with a Twist
Stacking Madness Primary Air Time
Unleash Your Wild Side BrickLAB: Brain Builders

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Strings & Beads
Science of the Human Body
BrickLAB Build a Better World
Daily Challenge Junior
To Games & Beyond
What's Cooking?

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6, 7, 8 in the Fall)

Game Show! Survivor Camp
Flying Disc Camp BrickLAB Genetics

Eggs-traodinary Physics

The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens

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Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Laclede Co. C-5 Summer Journey™ 2023 K-8 Enrollment Form

I. Student Inform	ation - (please print)
Please use student's legal i	name and 2022-23 year school information
Date:	
First Name:	
Current School:	_Current Grade Level:
Student Address (include p	ohysical address if using P.O. Box for mail):
City:	State:Zip:
Parent/ Guardian 1:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Phone:	
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 Sumr	
Name:	Grade:
Name:	Grade:
Name:	Grade:
II. School Arrival	/Dismissal
Bus Transportation	
Will your child be riding	the bus? Yes No
AM Transportation Addre	ess (if different from above):
PM Transportation Addre	ess (if different from above):
Other Transportation	
Walk Car	
Authorized Pick-Up Peop	ole:
22-23 BGE Pick-Up #:	
· —	he same #s. If you do not have a number,
one will be assigned to you	

Don't Delay- Enroll NOW in this FREE program!

Health problems or concerns: YesNo If yes, please describe:	
Is your child allergic to anything? YesNo If yes, please identify:	
Will your child need medication during <i>Summer Journey?</i> 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.	
Hospital Preference: In case of accident or serious illness, I request school personnel to contact me, alternate authorized persons, or the named physician. If is impossible to contact me, authorized persons, or the physician, the school personnel may make emergency arrangements as necessary to care for my child. YesNo	
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. YesNo	
Parent/ Guardian signature:	
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Please provide me with information about the after school YMCA

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Program Yes_