



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.



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.

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

I. Student Information - (please print)

Please use student's legal name and 2022-23 year school information

Date: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Current School: _____ Current 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

Bus Transportation

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.)

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.

Hospital Preference: _____

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 _____

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