



# PUXICO R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Puxico R-8 Parents,

This summer, our District will offer K-8 students, free of charge, an enjoyable, exciting, and academic approach to learning called Summer Journey. This opportunity will not only be FUN for kids but will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 140 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. Our Summer Journey's educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in tandem with English Language Arts.

The courses will be relaxed – no homework or testing for grades – and will offer courses for hands-on discovery. Our Summer Journey courses will provide opportunities for students to interact with learning. Units such as Molecules and Mixtures and Rockets Plus supplement the regular academic year. There will be courses available for all age groups with an emphasis on fun.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten (must turn 5 by August 1) in the fall of 2023, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in Summer Journey. This is a great opportunity for students to get accustomed to the school environment while getting a jumpstart on learning. When Pre-K students can meet teachers and fellow classmates it often lessens the stress on the 1st day of school helping to make a positive experience.

Finally, Summer Journey offers an incentive program for students. Students who attend every day, all day, will receive \$100 reward. Attendance Recognition gift cards range from \$50 for good attendance to \$100 for perfect attendance. Consistently attending school with a positive attitude helps students be successful during their academic years and beyond.

To say it simply, Summer Journey is good for kids. Enclosed you will find our Summer Journey program information. Please take the opportunity to review; I know you and your student will enjoy the experience.

Cindy K Crabb, EdS  
Superintendent  
Puxico R-8 School District

## Frequently Asked Questions

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

The Puxico R-8 *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Puxico R-8 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 Puxico R-8 *Summer Journey* operates daily from 8:00am to 3:10pm. Program dates are May 24 to June 21, 2023. The program will be held at Puxico Elementary (K-5) and Puxico High School (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 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, 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 the first 10 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 10 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 minutes missed = \$100 gift card
- .001 min – 6.667 hrs missed = \$75 gift card
- 6.668 hrs – 13.334 hrs 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.



## Student Incentives

### Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

#### **\$100 Shopping Card**

0 minutes missed

#### **\$75 Shopping Card**

.001 minutes to 6.667 hours missed

#### **\$50 Shopping Card**

6.668 hours – 13.334 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*<sup>™</sup> program.

### Daily Incentives

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

# Puxico R-8 Summer Journey™ 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)

### 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.

## Primary

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

BrickLAB: Brain Builders	Sports Science
Rockin' Robots	Stacking Madness Primary
Lifetime Sports Primary	Summer Sizzler

## Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Build a Better World	What's Cooking?
Lifetime Sports Junior	Music to Our Ears
DaVinci Camp	Science of the Human Body

## 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)

60 Seconds or Less	Podcasting
Survivor Camp	Blocksmith Camp
The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens	
Flying Disc Camp	

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## Puxico R-8 School District

### *Enrollment Information Enclosed*

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**Puxico R-8 Summer Journey™**  
**2023 K-8 Enrollment Form**

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

**I. Student Information** - (please print)

Please use student's legal name and current year school information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Route: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Transportation**

**Bus Transportation**

Will your child be riding the bus? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Transportation Address (if different from above):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Transportation**

Walk \_\_\_ Car \_\_\_ Picked up by: \_\_\_\_\_

Daycare: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Health Information**

Health problems or concerns: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently taking medication at school?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Name of Drug(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Name and phone number of physician(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_