



## Ralls County R-II School District

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 will 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*, 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. And, as in past years, 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,

*Tara Lewis*

Dr. Tara Lewis  
Superintendent

## Frequently Asked Questions

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

The Ralls County R-II *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by the Ralls County R-II 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 Ralls County R-II *Summer Journey* operates Tuesday - Friday beginning on May 30 and ending on June 23, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The program will be held 4 days a week, and hosted at Ralls County Elementary and Mark Twain Jr/Sr High.

***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, 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 from a central pick-up point in Perry, Center, and New London. In Perry and Center, students will be picked up at the City Park, and in New London, students will be picked up from Ruth Roy Wright Park.

### **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 half of the program, followed by three different courses in the last half.

### **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 hours missed = \$100 gift card
- Up to 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- Over 7 up to 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.



## Student Incentives

### Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

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

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

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

Up to 7 hours\* missed

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

Over 7 hours, up to 14 hours\* missed

\* 7 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

\*14 hours is the equivalent of two days 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.

# Ralls County R-II

## Summer Journey™ K–8 Course Information

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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.

### K – Intermediate Summer Journey Course Offerings

#### 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.

##### Camp K

In the afternoon portion of the Kindergarten day, students head to their campsite for quiet time as they rest and listen to the sounds of nature. Then they hit the trail to explore concepts about camping and nature through theme-related and physical movement activities. During Backpack Activity Stations, students develop cooperation skills as they investigate manipulatives and create art. From examining wildlife tracks to sharing campfire stories, young campers enjoy their adventures at Camp K.

#### Primary

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

Rockin’ Robots  
BrickLAB: Zoo Camp  
Field Day Primary

Summer Seuss  
Plants & Seeds  
Stacking Madness Primary

#### Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

What’s Cooking?  
Ready, Set, Drone!  
Oceanic Explorations

DaVinci Camp  
Rockets Junior  
Daily Challenge Junior

#### Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Flying Disc Camp  
Ground Drones  
The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens  
Video Production

Rockets Plus  
BrickLAB Genetics

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## Ralls County R-II Public Schools

### *Enrollment Information Enclosed*

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Ralls County R-II Summer Journey™ 2023 K-8 Enrollment Form



May 30-June 23 (Tuesday – Friday) 8:00 – 3:00

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 2022-23 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_
Student Address (include physical address if using P.O. Box for mail): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
Student Ethnicity (circle one):
Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian Black Caucasian Hispanic
Student Gender (circle one): Female Male
Student Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Table with 2 columns: Parent 1 Information, Parent 2 Information. Rows include Name, Home Phone, Work Phone, Cell Phone, Email Address, Physical Address.

II. Student Emergency Contact Information:

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

III. Student Health Information

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. (Circle one below)

Yes No
Health problems or concerns (circle one): Yes No
If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently taking medication(s) at school? (circle one) Yes No

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

Is your child allergic to anything? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, please identify: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child need medication during Summer Journey? (circle one) Yes\* No

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

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

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please turn over and complete back side.

**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, including on the schools' website and Facebook pages. (circle one below)*

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Behavior Expectations**

Students will be expected to follow the same Ralls County R-2 Behavioral Expectations as they do during the school year that can best be summarized by:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be ready**
- **Be safe**

Staff will review these expectations at the beginning of summer school. If students are not able to follow these expectations, they will have to call home and may lose the opportunity to earn attendance credit towards their summer school incentive for that day, and may need to be picked up. If a student's actions are repeated or are severe they may be asked to not return to summer school.

**VI. Transportation**

Students have an opportunity to use the available transportation to and from summer school, and may also have an opportunity to ride the school bus for library visits. Please provide the following information for these opportunities.

My child has permission to ride the bus and participate in library visits during summer school. I understand they must follow the transportation expectations or may lose the opportunity to ride transportation provided during summer school. *(circle one)*

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You may opt to ride from your residence if you reside outside the city limits. Students living within the city limits of Perry, Center or New London will be served by various stops.

Will your child be a morning bus rider? (circle one) Yes No Sometimes

If Yes, please circle location: Perry Center New London

Will your child be an afternoon bus rider? (circle one) Yes No Sometimes

If Yes, please circle location: Perry Center New London

**Expectations of Students Riding Transportation During Summer School**

Do not walk behind the bus. Stop when you hear the horn! Stay in your seat. Use quiet voices and respectful words. Sit back-to-back and bottom-to-bottom in the seat. Be Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe!

**If students do not follow the transportation expectations the following consequences will occur:**

1. **Warning given by phone call, or in writing, by bus driver, transportation director, or summer school administration.**
2. **Removal from being able to ride the bus. This will result in guardians being responsible for students getting to and from summer school and could result in the student being unable to ride the bus during summer school day activities.**