



Union R-XI School District

Dear Parents,

The Union R-XI School District will again this summer be offering all K-8 students, free of charge, an exciting approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it; our summer program will be FUN for kids. Yet, our summer school program also provides an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead, as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. **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 important fields of study are also available.

This summer will be unique as Central Elementary will not be hosting summer school due to an update to their HVAC system. Therefore, Central Elementary students will either attend summer school at Prairie Dell or Beaufort Elementary. In order to plan for hosting summer school in two buildings instead of three, we first need to know who is interested in attending summer school. Therefore, there will be a hard enrollment deadline of May 1st for Summer School enrollment this year and no enrollment will be accepted after the May 1st deadline.

Once enrollment has been collected, Central Elementary families will be notified of where their children will attend summer school, either at Beaufort or Prairie Dell. Transportation routes will then be shared. Please know that for planning purposes district wide, it is extremely important for families to enroll for summer school prior to May 1st as no enrollment will be accepted after the May 1st deadline.

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. There will be many courses that provide experiences for enhanced learning opportunities which ultimately challenge students both creatively and academically. Be assured, we are offering courses for all age groups with an emphasis on fun learning and exploration.

Finally, to make the program even more enticing to students, an extensive incentives program characterizes **Summer Journey**. Students will be eligible to receive **daily prizes** if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand prizes** that will be awarded on the final day. Students will be able to earn **Attendance Recognition** incentives based on the following incentives. Those with perfect attendance will receive \$100 gift card, those only missing 0.01-6.5 hours will receive a \$75 gift card and those missing only 7-13 hours will receive a \$75 gift card.

We are excited for another great summer of learning and fun together and would love for your child to join us for this year's Summer Journey!

Sincerely,
Dr. Scott Hayes
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Union R-XI *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Union R-XI 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 Union R-XI *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning June 5 and ending on June 30, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Program Will Be Held At:

Beaufort Elementary K-5

Prairie Dell Elementary K-5

Union Middle School 6-8

Central Elementary will not host summer school this year due to a replacement to their HVAC system. Central students will attend either the Beaufort Elementary or Prairie Dell Elementary locations.

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.

How soon do I need to enroll?

Due to planning needing to be done to host Central Elementary students in other locations, the **enrollment deadline for this year is May 1st. Summer School enrollment WILL NOT be accepted after May 1st.** Please fill out this enrollment packet and return to school as soon as possible.

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 elementary and middle school 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
- 0.01–6.5 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7–13 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, breakfast and lunch will be served daily and will be offered free of charge!



Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

\$75 Shopping Card

Up to 6.5 hours* missed

\$50 Shopping Card

Over 6.5 hours, up to 13 hours* missed

* 6.5 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

*13 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*™ program.

Daily Incentives

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

Union R-XI 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.

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)

Act It Out	Magic Show
Nature with a Twist	Rockin' Robots
Sports Clip Primary	Sports Science

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Flight & Aerodynamics	Readers' Theatre
Science of the Human Body	Sports Clip Junior
Strings & Beads	What's Cooking?

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

Eggs-traordinary Physics	Game Show!
Sports Clip Plus	Structural Design
Survivor Camp	
The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens	

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Union R-XI 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: _____

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