



Union R-XI School District

Dear Parents,

The Union R-XI School District is very eager to announce that this summer we will be offering all K-8 students, free of charge, a new and 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.

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.

In addition, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new 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, 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. In addition, **new** this year, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be well rewarded with an **Attendance Recognition** 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,

Dr. Steve Weinhold

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 May 30 and ending on June 30, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 first the 12 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 12 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 hours missed = \$100 gift card
- .1 – 6.5 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 6.6 - 13 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, students will be served breakfast and lunch using the same system used during the regular school term. As a result, students should plan to purchase meals (or bring lunch) in the same way they do 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 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.

Academic Courses

Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

Kids at Work

Early Leader

(students entering grade 1 in the Fall)

Adventures Down Deep

Investigations Down Deep

Primary

(students entering grades 2 & 3 in the Fall)

Adventure & Mystery

Write With Me

Math Mosaic

World Traveler

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Owls in the Family

Camp Write Right

Mathletics

Water Cycle

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

Saturday Scholars

Speaking Of . . .

Hands On Equations

Hidden in Rocks

Journey Courses

Kindergarten

3-2-1 Blastoff!

Primary

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

Scratch Camp

Launch into Rockets

Pirate Camp

Field Day Primary

The Science of Super Powers

Stacking Madness Primary

Elementary

Flight & Aerodynamics

Field Day Junior

CAD Camp

Retro Recreation

BrickLAB: Famous Architecture

Science of the Human Body

Intermediate

Ground Drones

Survivor Camp

Eggs-troinary Physics

Daily Challenge Junior

60 Seconds or Less

The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens

Union R-XI School District ***Enrollment Information Enclosed***

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Union R-XI Summer Journey™ 2017 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: _____