



Sparta R-III 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 *Snack Attack*, designed to encourage students to have fun, live well, and snack healthily, 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 2018, 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,
Mr. Rocky Valentine
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Sparta R-III *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Sparta R-III School District 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 Sparta R-III *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning on May 21 and ending on June 14, 2018, from 7:40 AM to 3:00 PM.

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 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 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:

- 0 hours missed = \$100 gift card
- 0 – 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7–14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, students will receive a free breakfast and lunch.

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*[™] program.

Daily Incentives

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

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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.

K-Intermediate Summer Journey Course Offerings

Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

Kids at Work

"Work" is fun in the four-weekly mini-units Dinosaur Bones, Pat-A-Cake, At the Pet Shop, and Detectives for Hire. Students build on prior knowledge as they learn about a variety of careers. Each activity is designed to foster early learning concepts, such as letter and sound recognition, counting, and shape recognition. From digging for fossils to tracking down missing letters, this unit offers multi-level activities appropriate for all early learners.

Kamp Kindergarten

In the afternoon portion of the Kindergarten day, students unpack their sleeping bags for a quiet time as they listen to nature sounds and engage in physical movement activities focused around the theme of camping. Students develop cooperation skills as they investigate manipulatives and games during Backpack Explorations. From creating s'mores to sharing campfire stories, young campers enjoy their stay at Kamp Kindergarten.

Primary

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

BrickLAB: Brain Builders

Launch Into Rockets

Nature with a Twist

Stacking Madness Primary

Unleash Your Wild Side Summer Sizzler

Elementary

(students entering grade 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Famous Architecture

Flight & Aerodynamics

Music to Our Ears

Oceanic Explorations

Science of the Human

Body

To Games & Beyond

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

3-D Art Camp

Blocksmith Camp

BrickLAB Genetics

Classroom Cooks

Game Show!

Survivor Camp

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Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Sparta R-III Summer Journey™ 2018 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 _____

Viaje de Verano Del Distrito Sparta R-III

Forma de inscripción desde Kinder hasta el Octavo Grado 2018

I. Información sobre el estudiante - (use letra de molde) Por favor use el nombre legal del estudiante y la información escolar del año en curso.

Fecha _____
 Nombre de Pila _____
 Apellido materno _____
 Apellido paterno _____
 Grado escolar actual _____
 Dirección del estudiante _____
 Ciudad _____
 Estado _____ Código postal _____
 Padre-Madre/ Guardián _____
 Teléfono de la casa _____
 Teléfono del trabajo _____
 Teléfono celular _____
 Dirección de correo electrónico _____
 Contacto en caso de emergencia _____
 Teléfono de emergencia _____
 Teléfono celular de emergencia _____
 Grupo étnico (marque uno) *Indio Norte-americano* *De raza Negra*
Caucásico *Hispano* *Asiático/ Habitante de las Islas del Pacífico*
 Género (marque uno) **Masculino** **Femenino**
 Fecha de nacimiento _____
 Ruta de camión _____
 Parada del camión _____
 Hora en que pasa el camión _____
 Escuela actual _____
 Maestra del grupo _____

II. Transportación

Transportación en camión

¿Tomará su niño/a el camión? Sí _____ No _____

Dirección desde donde necesita ser transportado (Si no es la misma que dio antes) _____

Otro tipo de transportación

A pié _____ En carro _____ Será levantado por: _____

Guardería Infantil: _____

Otra forma: _____

Traducción en ingles al otro lado.

¡No espere – Inscríbese ahora mismo en este programa que es GRATIS!

III. Información sobre la salud

Problemas de salud o preocupaciones: Sí _____ No _____

Si respondió que sí, por favor describe a continuación: _____

¿Está su estudiante tomado actualmente medicinas en la escuela? Sí _____ No _____

Nombre de la medicina: _____

¿Es su estudiante alérgico a algo? Sí _____ No _____

Si lo es, identifique a qué es alérgico: _____

¿Necesitá su niño-a medicina durante La aventura del Verano?

Sí* _____ No _____

Nombre de la medicina: _____

*Si marcó "sí", el niño debe tener una forma médica en el sitio.

Nombre(s) y número de teléfono del médico(s) del estudiante:

Hospital de su preferencia: _____

En caso de un accidente o una seria enfermedad, le pido al personal de la escuela que me contacte a mi, a las personas que yo he autorizado o al(los) médico(s) antes mencionado(s). Si es imposible contactarme a mi, a las personas que yo he autorizado o al (los) médico(s), el personal de la escuela puede hacer arreglos de emergencia para atender a mi niño(a) si estos son necesarios.

Sí _____ No _____

IV. Permiso de sacar fotografías

Estoy de acuerdo en permitir que se le saquen fotos a mi niño-a durante su participación en la Aventura de Verano y que sean usadas para anuncios promocionales. Sí _____ No _____

Firma del Padre o madre/ Guardián _____

Fecha _____