

SUMMER ADVENTURE PROGRAM FAQs

Summer Adventure presented by Children’s Hospital Colorado is Pikes Peak Library District’s (PPLD) summer reading program. Children and Teens sign up online to earn prizes through reading and activities.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE GAME:

Is reading a focus?

Yes! Kids and teens can complete the entire program through reading, or a combination of reading and activities. You’ll track your reading by the day, so the program encourages reading throughout the summer.

Can the game be played online?

Yes! Summer Adventure presented by Children’s Hospital Colorado can be completed entirely online.

- We use a platform called Beanstack to track your progress and enter you in the grand prize drawing. Either use Beanstack online at ppld.beanstack.org or with their app, available in the App Store and Google Play.
- If you need assistance, email BeanstackHelp@ppld.org, call (719) 531-6333, or visit ppld.org/ask.

Do I have to play the game online?

No! We have a physical game card, which you can download and print at ppld.org/summer-adventure.

- If you need to pick up a physical copy, visit any Library location
- If you only want to use a physical game card, we will create an account for you and help you log your reading within Beanstack so we can track your participation and ensure you get your summer prizes.

What are the prizes?

Participants receive an age-appropriate prize upon registration and another when completing 30 days of Read, Move, and/or Imagine activities. Participants will also be entered into the grand prize drawings at 30 days of activities and can earn up to 4 additional entries by completing additional activities. Prizes will be available as supplies last.

Registration Prize:

- Ages 0 - 12: A choice of book
- Ages 13 - 18: A choice of book or journal

Completion Prize:

- Ages 0 - 3: A set of toy bath boats
- Ages 4 - 12: A reading award medal
- Ages 13 - 18: A choice of book or journal

Grand Prize Drawing:

- Ages 0 - 12: A gift certificate to KiwiCo Projects for Kids crates (multiple winners throughout the District!)
- Ages 13 - 18: Chromebook® (multiple winners throughout the District!)

How do I get my prizes?

You can pick up your prizes at your favorite library location, either inside or using curbside. Prize options may vary as supplies last. Open hours and specific services may vary by library location, so please check in advance.

Why is there no coupon sheet?

While we previously provided coupons as a part of our summer reading program, survey data showed they were going unused. These were eliminated several years ago in favor of better-researched and proven methods of encouraging participation.

HOW TO PLAY:

- 1. Complete an activity** (either Read, Imagine, or Move) any day from Wed., June 1 through Mon., Aug. 15.
- 2. Record the dates** you complete an activity. You can log on to Beanstack (ppld.beanstack.org), using the Beanstack App, using the paper game card, or using the calendars in *District Discovery: Summer Adventure Edition*.
- 3. You will receive a prize** for participating in the game and a prize when you have logged 30 days of reading and/or activities. You’ll also be entered into the grand prize drawing at 30 days of activities.
- 4. Bonus Round:** For every additional 10 activities you complete after finishing the game, you earn 1 additional entry into the grand prize drawing. You can earn up to 4 additional entries into the grand prize.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BEANSTACK:

What is Beanstack?

Beanstack is a free service provided by PPLD to help patrons discover books based on your age and interests. It's also an online portal for our Library programs, like Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado and the annual Winter Adult Reading Program.

What happens when I sign up for Beanstack?

With a Beanstack profile, you'll receive one book recommendation per week matched to your age, interests, and other information in your profile. You'll use your account to register for PPLD programs and track your progress.

How do I cancel my Beanstack account?

You can cancel at any time. Simply visit ppld.beanstack.org, click on "Contact Us," and request that your account be canceled.

Do I have to use Beanstack?

If you want to use a physical game card to track your Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado progress, staff will create an account on your behalf and log your participation. This allows us to keep track of your progress and ensure you can redeem summer prizes.

How do I log my reading and activities in Beanstack?

All of the steps below can be done on ppld.beanstack.org (if you'd like to use the app instead, see the right side of this page).

- Sign into your Beanstack account.
- Click on "Log Reading" in the upper left-hand corner.
- Select your profile from the drop-down list.
- Click on the calendar icon labeled "Log Days."
- Click on each date you wish to log reading or activities. You can log reading and activities for past days, but cannot log days in the future.
- The date you have selected will turn light blue.
- You can log the title and author, if desired.
- Click on the button labeled "Log."
- Dates you have logged will show a blue dot.
- Click on the "x" in the upper-right corner to exit.

Is there an app?

Yes! You can find the Beanstack app in the App Store or in Google Play.

- Simply sign in with your existing Beanstack account information. If you're new to Beanstack, sign up right in the app.
- You can log past reading in the app, or use the reading timer to record a current reading session!

How do I use the app?

Check out these short video tutorials created by Zoobean, the creators of Beanstack:

- [How to Create an Account](#)
- [How to View and Participate in Reading Challenges \(Programs\)](#)
- [How to Log Reading](#)
- [How to Delete a Reading Session](#)
- [How to Edit, Add, and Switch Readers](#)

Does it matter how I log my reading on the app?

No! If you log a book, log a past reading session, or use the reading timer, it will give you credit for reading on the date entered. Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado 2022 counts reading by days, so as long as you record reading on a specific date, you will get the credit for reading. You do need to join the Summer Adventure Challenge on Beanstack before you log your reading.

