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 to get assistance.

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 during their curbside service hours, or visit one of our community distribution partners on our Summer Adventure presented by Children's Hospital Colorado webpage.
- If you only want to track your participation on 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?

Prizes vary by age group. Prize pickup will begin in July and will be available as supplies last.

- Ages 0 - 3: A foam bath puzzle, egg shaped crayon, and a book.
- Ages 4 - 12: A canvas pencil pouch, mini colored pencil set, and a book.
- Ages 13 - 18: A drawstring bag, a choice of book or journal, and a t-shirt.

Grand Prize Drawing:

- Ages 0 - 12: A gift certificate to Kiwico crates (multiple winners throughout the District!).
- Ages 13 - 18: Chromebook® (multiple winners throughout the District!)

How do I get my prizes?

Prize pickup will begin in July. You will pick up all your prizes at once. Prize options may vary as supplies last. Visit ppld.org/summer-adventure for the most up-to-date information on prize pickup.

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 in June and July to earn points.

2. Record the dates you complete an activity on a printed game card or in Beanstack. You can log your progress at ppld.beanstack.org or by using the Beanstack App, available in Google Play or the App Store. If you need assistance, call (719) 531-6333 or visit ppld.org/ask to find different ways to get in touch with our staff.

3. You earn 50 points for each day that you complete an activity. You will receive a prize for participating in the game, plus you'll be entered in the grand prize drawing when you reach 1500 points (30 days of activities).

4. Prize pickup will begin in July. Find the most up-to-date information on how to pick up your prizes at ppld.org/summer-adventure.

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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 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 and Activities" in the upper right hand corner.
- Select your profile from the drop down list.
- Click on the calendar icon labeled "Days."
- Click on each date you wish to log reading. You can log reading for past days, but cannot log days in the future.
- Click on the button labeled "Log."
- Dates you have logged will show a green dot.
- Click on the button labeled "Close" to exit out of the log reading screen.

How do I log my 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 below).

- Sign into your Beanstack account.
- Click on "Log Reading and Activities" in the upper right hand corner.
- Select your profile from the drop down list.
- Click on the checkmark icon labeled "Activities."
- Choose "Imagine" or "Move."
- Type the date you did the activity in the text box.
- Click the plus (+) sign.
- Repeat until all activities have been logged.
- Click on the "X" in the upper right corner to close the log activities page.

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 Log Activities
- How to Log Past Reading
- How to Quick Log a Book
- How to Use the Reading Timer
- How to View and Participate in Reading Challenges (Programs)

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 2020 counts reading by days, so as long as you record reading on a specific date, you will earn points for reading.

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