

LAKE METROPARKS

Spirit of America 2017

7th grade youth boating program



For more information, contact Leigh Garam at 440-256-2118 x4800 or lgaram@lakemetroparks.com.
You may register online at lakemetroparks.com or by completing and returning this application form to
Lake Metroparks Registration Department 11211 Spear Rd., Concord Twp., Ohio 44077

PLEASE NOTE: This program is for Lake County 7th grade students only.

The Spirit of America program offers girls and boys in the seventh grade the opportunity to develop self-confidence, set goals, build social skills, practice self-control and demonstrate responsible behavior—all while having a great time learning to operate and maintain power craft, paddle craft and sail craft!

This summer education program will be offered at no charge to interested seventh graders from Lake County schools.

You may register online March 1 through April 15 or by returning this completed application form by April 15, 2017.

Spirit of America Student Application Form

Student name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Parents' names: _____

There is no charge to students who participate in the Spirit of America program, however, donations are being accepted to help support the program. Each year we accept more than 130 students at no cost. In order to ensure the program continues in the future, we are accepting donations of \$10, \$25 or \$50. Please make checks payable to Lake Metroparks and include them with your application. Donations will also be accepted at the Student & Parent Orientation Meeting on April 26.

Yes, I would like to make a donation:

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other _____

A. Ohio Boating License Course (Classroom)

All students must attend two Ohio Boating License courses, which will take place on Saturdays, May 13 & 20 at the Environmental Learning Center. Both days are mandatory.

B. Water Smart Pool Class

The half-day mandatory class, "Water Smart," is scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at Perry High School pool.

Please choose one:

- ☐ Eastern Lake County schools 9 am to noon
(Madison, Perry, Hermitage, LaMuth, Fairport)
☐ Western Lake County schools 1 to 4 pm
(Willowick, Kirtland, Willoughby, Mentor, Wickliffe, Eastlake)

C. On-water Training

All students must plan to attend three, five-hour sessions for one week. Classes will be scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 3 pm.

Please choose only one of the following weeks:

- ☐ Week 1: June 5, 6 & 8 (Mon, Tue, Thu)
☐ Week 2: June 12, 13 & 15 (Mon, Tue, Thu)
☐ Week 3: June 19, 20 & 22 (Mon, Tue, Thu)

Acceptance letters will be e-mailed the week of April 17. (Those without e-mail addresses will receive letters via U.S. mail.)

If chosen, students must commit to the following **important mandatory** dates:

- **Student & Parent Orientation Meeting**
Wednesday, April 26, 7 to 8:30 pm at Painesville Township Park
- **Ohio Boating License Course Session I** (Classroom)
Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 4 pm
at the Environmental Learning Center
- **Ohio Boating License Course Session II** (Classroom)
Saturday, May 20, 9 am to 2 pm
at the Environmental Learning Center
- **Water Smart Pool Class**
Sunday, May 21, 9 am to noon or 1 to 4 pm at Perry High School
- **On-water Training**
Week 1: June 5, 6 & 8 –OR– Week 2: June 12, 13 & 15
–OR– Week 3: June 19, 20 & 22
9 am to 3 pm at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Other Important Dates:

- **Make-up class for watercraft**
Friday, June 23, 1 to 4 pm at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park
- **Graduation**
Friday, June 23, 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Additional materials will be e-mailed and provided at the MANDATORY Student & Parent Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, at 7 pm, at Painesville Township Park Community Center, 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville Twp.

After attending the Ohio Boating License Course Sessions I and II, there is a test that must be passed with a score higher than 70% in order to move forward to the on-the-water portion of the program. Students will attend three days on or near the water at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park. The on-the-water schedule will require that students attend classes for one week (see attached schedule).

If chosen, students will participate in on-the-water instruction on the following types of watercraft:

kayaks • stand-up paddleboards
Jon (motor) boats with 9.9 hp motors
canoes • PWC (jet skis)
United States Coast Guard watercraft • JY 14 sail boats

The program is a cooperative project of:

Lake Metroparks • The Spirit of America Foundation
The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft
Grand River Marina
with support from the United States Coast Guard

If you have any further questions about the Spirit of America Foundation, call Cecilia Duer at 440-209-1995.

Lake Metroparks will serve as coordinator of this program and has obtained insurance for the program. Children will wear life jackets at all times during the on-the-water/dockside classes.

If you missed the deadline or are unable to commit to the above dates, Lake Metroparks offers four boating camps during the second half of the summer at a cost of \$140 per week. Contact the Lake Metroparks Registration Department at 440-358-7275 or lakemetroparks.com for more information.

Before this application will be accepted, this section must be completed by the student candidate:

In 40 to 50 words, please tell us why you would like to be selected for the Spirit of America program.

Student's signature

My child _____ has my permission to participate in the Spirit of America youth boating program. My child will be able to attend all sessions of the classes to which he/she is assigned. I understand that I must arrange for his/her transportation to and from all classes.

Parent's signature

Date

Address

Phone number