

LAKE METROPARKS

Spirit of America 2019

7th grade youth boating program

FREE!
if registered
by April 15



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of America*

PREMIER YOUTH BOATING EDUCATION



You may apply 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 students who are in 7th grade at time of registration.

The Spirit of America program offers Lake County girls and boys who are in seventh grade at time of registration 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!
For more information, contact Leigh Garam at 440-256-2118 x4800 or lgaram@lakemetroparks.com.

Registration begins March 1, 2019. You may apply online or return the completed application form.

This summer education program will be offered at no charge to applications received by April 15, 2019. Applications received from April 16 to May 10 will be charged a \$35 registration fee. No applications will be accepted after May 10.

Spirit of America Student Application Form

Student name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Student date of birth: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Parents' names: _____

We are accepting donations to offset the cost of boating programs. 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 24.

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 sessions, which will take place on Saturdays, May 11 & 18 at Painesville Township Park. Both days are mandatory.

B. Water Smart Pool Class

The half-day mandatory class, "Water Smart," is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 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 four sessions for one week. Classes are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 3 pm and **Wednesdays 9 am to noon.**

Please choose only one of the following weeks:

- Week 1:** June 10, 11, 12 & 13
 Week 2: June 17, 18, 19 & 20
 Week 3: June 24, 25, 26 & 27

Acceptance letters will be e-mailed the week of April 15. (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 24, 7 to 8:30 pm at Painesville Township Park
- **Ohio Boating License Course Session I & II** (Classroom)
Saturday, May 11 & 18, 9 am to 4 pm
at Painesville Township Park
- **Water Smart Pool Class**
Sunday, June 2, 9 am to noon or 1 to 4 pm at Perry High School
- **On-water Training**
Week 1: June 10, 11, 12 & 13 –OR– Week 2: June 17, 18, 19 & 20
–OR– Week 3: June 24, 25, 26 & 27
9 am to 3 pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9 am to
noon Wednesdays at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Other Important Dates:

- **Make-up class for watercraft**
Friday, June 28, 1 to 4 pm at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park
- **Graduation**
Saturday, July 13, noon to 4 pm at Fairport Harbor Lakefront
Park Amphitheater

Additional materials will be e-mailed and provided at the MANDATORY Student & Parent Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 pm, at Painesville Township Park Community Center, 1025 Hardy Rd., Painesville Twp.

After completing the second session of the Ohio Boating License Course, 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. The on-the-water schedule will require that students attend classes for one week.

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 Parks & Watercraft
- Grand River Marina
- with support from the United States Coast Guard

Participants will wear life jackets at all times during the on-the-water/dockside classes.

If you are unable to commit to the above dates, Lake Metroparks offers four boating camps during the summer at \$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