



Lake Metroparks  
 Spirit of America  
 7th Grade Youth  
 Boating Program



For more information, contact Student Coordinator  
 Connie Murzyn at 440-415-3495 or [connie\\_murzyn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:connie_murzyn@sbcglobal.net).  
 You may register by visiting [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or completing  
 and returning the attached registration form.

**PLEASE NOTE, THIS PROGRAM IS FOR LAKE COUNTY 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS ONLY.**

**SPIRIT OF AMERICA  
YOUTH BOATING PROGRAM**



**ATTENTION PARENTS OF SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS:**

*spiritofamerica95.org*

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

**• REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY, APRIL 1 AND ENDS FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011.**

- Acceptance letters will be e-mailed the week of April 18. (Those without e-mail addresses will receive letters via U.S. mail.)
- Student & Parent Orientation Meeting - Thursday, April 28, 2011, 7 to 8:30 pm at Painesville Twp. Park (mandatory)
- Ohio Boating License Course Session I - Saturday, May 7, 9 am to 4 pm at Painesville Twp. Park
- Ohio Boating License Course Session II – Saturday, May 14, 9 am to 2 pm, at Painesville Twp. Park
- Water Smart Class - Sunday, May 15, 2011, 9 am to noon or 1 to 4 pm, at Perry High School
- On-water course starts week of June 13, 2011 (two sessions per week)
- On-water course ends week of July 5, 2011
- Graduation – Sunday, July 10, 2011, noon to 5 pm, at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

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. The students will attend eight sessions on or near the water **at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park**. The on-the-water schedule will require that students attend classes for four weeks (see attached schedule). On **Friday, July 8**, there will be a makeup class for any students who have missed any of the on-water classes.

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

Kayaks	PWC (Jet Skis)
Canoes	Jon (motor) Boats with 9.9 hp motors
JY 14 Sail Boats	United States Coast Guard Watercraft

**Because of limited space, children who sign up for this program are expected to make a commitment and attend all required classes. One make-up class will be offered for all missed classes on Friday, July 8, noon to 2:30 pm, at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park.**

Graduation is held on **Sunday, July 10, 2011, noon to 5 pm, at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park**, and is the final day of Spirit of America. Parents and students are invited to attend as guests on this very special day. Invitations will be sent to your home.

The program is a cooperative project of:

Lake Metroparks

The Spirit of America Foundation and Great Lakes Power Products

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft  
and Grand River Marina with support from the United States Coast Guard

*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 \$125 per week. Contact the Registration Department at (440) 358-7275 or lakemetroparks.com.*



**BEFORE THIS APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED, THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT CANDIDATE:**

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

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Student's Signature

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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.

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Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

You have my permission to place my telephone number on the car pool list.  YES  NO

Please note, this program is offered at no charge to the students. There are limited spaces available and students will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please sign up only if student is available to commit to the program. A waiting list will be created when the class fills.

**You may register online from April 1 thru April 15 by visiting lakemetroparks.com or by returning this completed application form by April 15, 2011, to:**

**LAKE METROPARKS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT  
11189 SPEAR ROAD  
CONCORD TWP., OH 44077**

If you have any further questions about the Spirit of America Foundation, call Cecilia Duer at 440-209-9805.

**Additional materials will be e-mailed and provided at a MANDATORY student/parent orientation meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011, 7 pm, at Painesville Twp Park Community Center, 1025 Hardy Road, Painesville Twp.**



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