

# LAKE METROPARKS

# Spirit of America 2026

## 7th grade youth boating program

**FREE!**



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**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 youth 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!

**This is a 7-day program: 2 days Ohio Boater Education Course and 5 days on-water education.**

**Students must attend an Ohio Boater Education Course on two Saturdays, May 2 & 9, 9 am to 4 pm, at Penitentiary Glen Reservation Forest Hall.**

To earn Ohio Boaters Education Certification, students must pass a multiple-choice test. Accommodations such as readers or extra time will be provided upon request.

The on-the-water and water safety portion of the program will be held Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park. Participants will wear life jackets at all times during the on-the-water/dockside classes. Participants may choose from the following sessions:

#### **Session 1:**

Boater Education: Saturdays, May 2 & 9 (9 am – 4 pm)

On-water/Water Safety: June 22 – 26 (9 am – 3 pm)

Graduation: June 26 (5 to 7:30 pm) at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

#### **Session 2:**

Boater Education: Saturdays, May 2 & 9 (9 am – 4 pm)

On-water/Water Safety: July 20 – 24 (9 am – 3 pm)

Graduation: July 24 (5 to 7:30 pm) at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

For more information, contact Brian Davidson at  
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**Register at [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) beginning March 9!  
No applications will be accepted after April 19.**

*Additional materials and information will be e-mailed upon completion of registration.*

Students will participate in on-the-water instruction on the following types of watercraft:

- kayaks
- stand-up paddleboards
- canoes
- power boats with 9.9 hp motors
- jet skis
- United States Coast Guard vessels
- sailboats

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

