

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!

**Register at 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.

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

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

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