

Increase your enjoyment of the local environment of rivers and lakes in your communities by learning boating and water safety.



COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the course will:

1. Complete an Ohio boating course required by NASBLA Law and pass a written exam.
2. Be able to paddle canoes and kayaks.
3. Be able to operate a power boat.
4. Be able to sail a sailboat.
5. Be able to ride a jet ski with an adult on board (until age 16).
6. Learn to launch, recover, and trailer boats.
7. Experience the operation of a U.S. Coast Guard ship.
8. Develop leadership skills and meet students from other communities.
9. Have fun while learning!

LEGAL REQUIREMENT

Ohio law requires that: "any person born on or after January 1, 1982, is required to take a **National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)** approved boating course in order to operate a power boat over 10 horsepower."

REMEMBER: All students must be punctual, willing to follow instructions, and be on their best behavior at all times!

RETURN this completed application and attach your essay to:

- Your school Principal;
- Or mail to: Educational Services Center of Lorain County, ATTN Spirit of America, 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035



This program is partially funded by a boating education grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Watercraft.



All 7th Graders
(Living in Lorain County)

Do You Want To Learn More About Boating & Spend Time On The Water This Summer?



Join the **FREE** Boating Education Program For 7th Grade Graduates This Summer

- Learn Safe Boating Skills
- Earn a required Certificate from the Ohio Boating Education Course (OBEC)
- Become a "Captain of Your Own Vessel" Before Your 16th Birthday.



- ü Canoes & Kayaks
- ü Sailboats
- ü Powerboats
- ü Jet Skis



Spaces Are Limited

Questions call Bill Ginter (440-933-9589)

Email Questions to Lorain@SpiritOfAmerica95.org

For more information see www.SpiritOfAmerica95.org

HOW TO SIGN UP

7th GRADE BOATING EDUCATION APPLICATION

Return by Friday, May 6, 2011

(Please Print)

Date: _____

Name: _____

School Name: _____

Principal: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Parent's Best Phone #: _____

Email Address (for Notifications): _____

Swimming Ability: Good Fair Poor None

Fear of Water: None A Little A Lot

Life Vest Size: Small Medium Large

qEssay: *Attach* why you are interested in being a part of the Spirit of America summer program: Be creative, talk a little about yourself, and share with us some activities that you enjoy. Nautical artwork is encouraged. (Essays will be used to determine eligibility if the number of applications exceed the spaces available.)

Student Signature: _____

I understand my child must attend and pass the OBEC classes and attend all activities in order to graduate from this program.

I agree photos of my child may be shared in the program including on its website.

I will be responsible for timely transportation to and from all activities.

I also understand I am responsible for treatment of any injuries.

Parent Signature: _____

DATES AND TIMES

Participation in all 10 classes is mandatory in order to graduate from this program. Limited spaces are available. The course includes:

- Two-day classroom activities
- Half-day pool instruction
- Seven half-days of training on the water in canoes, kayaks, sailboats, motorboats, and jet skis
- Graduation ceremony

OBEC Classes

Passing this two-day class is mandatory for further participation in the program. Tutoring is available for those needing it. Parents are also welcome to attend and earn their certification for FREE.

Saturday: June 4 & June 11 (8 AM to 4 PM)
At: Clearview High School - Auditorium
 4700 Broadway Avenue in Lorain

Pool Instruction

A half of a day of instruction at a pool introduces boating principles in a non-threatening environment. An orientation for parents will also be held during this session.

Monday: June 13 (4:30 to 8:30 PM)
At: Oberlin College Pool (Union Street In Oberlin)

Training On The Water

Each week you will spend 6 hours on the water in a different type of boat. This is done in 2 half-days each week for 3 weeks. An extra half day is spent on jet skis and visiting the U.S. Coast Guard.

Tues. & Thurs.: June 14, 16; 21, 23; 28, 30
 (1:00 to 4:00 PM) or (5:30 to 8:30 PM)
At: The Black River or Lorain Harbor

*Wednesday: June 20 (9 AM - XXX) Jet Skis & U.S. Coast Guard
At: Spitzer Lakeside Marina – Crescent Beach

Graduation Party & Family Fun Day

Sunday July 10 – Optional, but encouraged!
At: Fairport Harbor Beach (Mentor)