

# A National Youth Boating & Water Safety Education Program

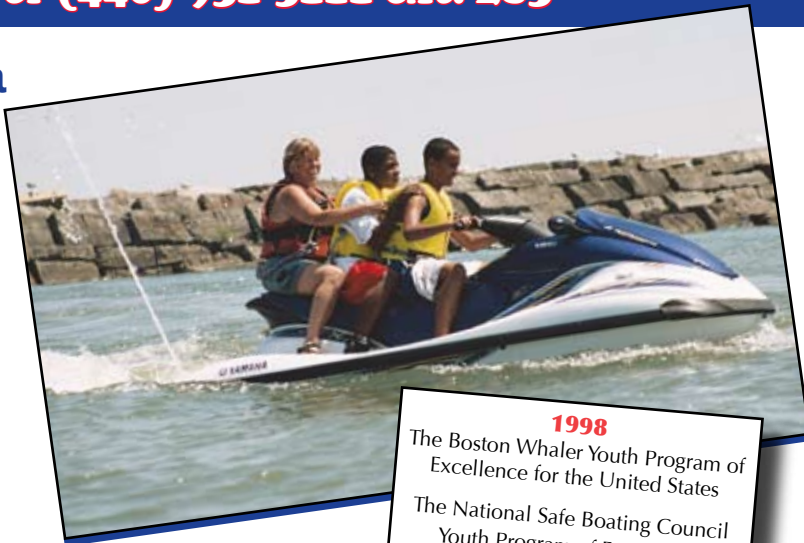


**For information on student participation or to open a program call (440) 209-9805 or (440) 951-5111 ext. 285**

## About Spirit of America

The Spirit of America Foundation opened its youth education program in 1995 with a pilot program of 58 children from Lake County, Ohio. The program has since expanded to include many other Ohio counties. Through our partnership with the United States Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety, the Spirit of America is now a national educational program. Since its inception, the program has educated over 5,000 children and their families.

The Spirit of America is a not-for-profit organization with a 501C-3 designation, and operates with the support of local, state, national, private and public organizations, foundations and corporations.



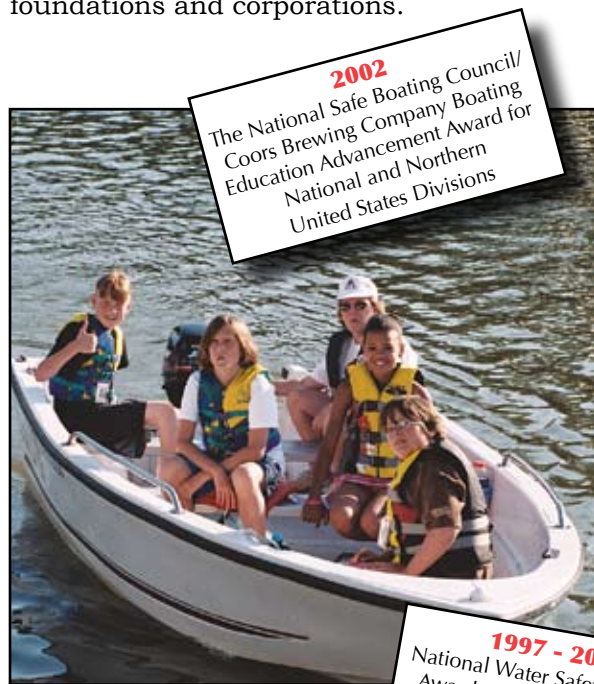
**1998**  
The Boston Whaler Youth Program of Excellence for the United States  
The National Safe Boating Council Youth Program of Excellence

## Spirit of America Participants

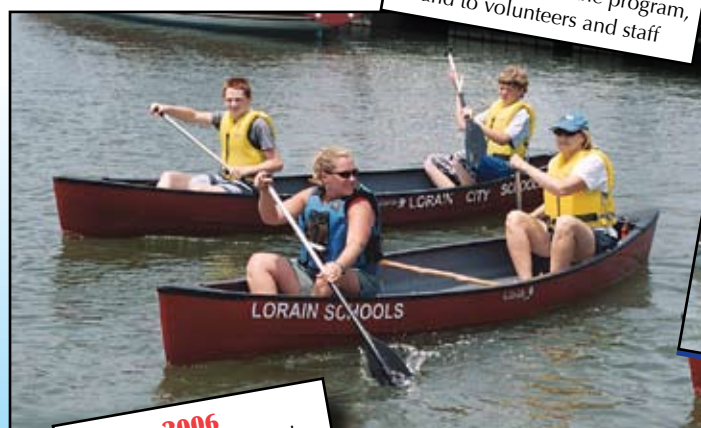
The children of Spirit of America are participating in "field experience" through their schools. The hands-on program introduces students to several different types of watercraft and boating and water safety related activities, all of which nurture responsible behavior. The Spirit of America provides an ideal environment for the students to learn, react, and develop life-long learning skills and ambitions. The Spirit of America program empowers our youth – they dare to dream, while meeting the program's underlying goals: developing self esteem, teamwork, seamanship and instilling inherent boating and water safety practices.

We are growing SAFE boating generations by promoting boating and water safety of all types through classroom activities, pool instruction, and on-the-water training.

Children qualify for the program while in middle school through an essay and question process.



**2002**  
The National Safe Boating Council/  
Coors Brewing Company Boating  
Education Advancement Award for  
National and Northern  
United States Divisions



**1997 - 2006**  
National Water Safety Congress  
Award of Merit and Letters of  
Commendation for the program,  
and to volunteers and staff



**1997 - 2001, 2003  
and 2005**  
The Ohio Department  
of Natural Resources  
Division of Watercraft  
Outstanding Achievement

**2006**  
Northeastern Regional  
Education Program Award  
from National Water Safety  
Congress



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