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To register for Spirit or for more information:

Contact the Spirit of America Director Patrick Rice at Camp Foster 800-456-9622 or DNR Officer Gary Owen 712-260-1018.

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After completing the classroom Iowa Boater Education program, students will spend time in the pool and on the lake learning how to safely operate watercrafts. As captains of their vessels, students will learn to navigate the rules of the water and spend over 30 hours in a boat. Spirit of America participants will also experience driving the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire Rescue Boat, the Queen II and the DNR Lake Patrol boats, headquartered at Gull Point State Park.



A Youth-Oriented Boating and Water Safety Education Program

Camp Foster YMCA
of the Okobojis



Spirit of America

Our Program

Come join us this summer for our annual Spirit of America Boater Education Program! This year, Camp Foster YMCA will be hosting two week-long summer camp Spirit of America programs, giving students and families an option of which week works best for your summer schedule. The Spirit of America Program came to Camp Foster YMCA in 2006, and is a national program coordinated by the National Water Safety Congress and the Iowa Great Lakes Water Safety Council. 7th and 8th grade students from around the state of Iowa will have the opportunity for hands-on boating safety experience through this program. Spirit gives students real on-the-water training of how to safely operate a variety of vessels including canoes, kayaks, outboard boats, sailboats, personal water crafts and powerboats.



Spirit of America is a nationally certified Youth Boating Education Program designed for Junior High students to give young boater hands on experience. Along with the Spirit of America program, students will also earn their Iowa Boater Education Certification. The Spirit program offers the opportunity to participate in an boating program unlike any other, gaining hands-on-experience with the operation of a variety of water crafts.

Our Participants

The Spirit of America program is available for all 7th and 8th grade students. In order to apply, students and parents must submit the completed application and health form to Camp Foster. Students in the program will stay at Camp Foster the entire week. The fee covers all lodging, food and extra program activities in addition to the Spirit of America program. Students are participating in hands-on field experience with boater safety. No previous boating experience is required. We only ask that students commit to the entire week.

Students will receive certification in:

Kayaks & Canoes
Jon Boats with Tiller Motors
RunABOUTS/Ski Boats
Personal Water Craft
Large Vessel Experience
Sail Boats
Iowa Boater Education Course

The actual Spirit of America program is free to all participants, covered by a grant through the USCG. To cover the cost of meals, additional programs and overnight staffing, the entire Spirit of America camp is only \$350.00. Students in Dickinson County, IA are eligible to attend Spirit for \$150.00 thanks to the Dickinson County Endowment Fund grant.



Choose from 2 different Sessions

June 20-26th, 2010
or
August 8-14, 2010



The hands-on program introduces students to several different types of watercraft and boating related activities, all of which develop responsible behavior. Spirit of America provides an ideal environment for the students to learn, react, and develop lifetime learning skills and ambitions. Spirit of America empowers our youth they dare to dream, while meeting the program's underlying goals: developing self esteem, teamwork, seamanship and safe boating practices.

Learn from skilled volunteers who are certified by the state through safe boating courses, approved by NASBLA.

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