

# Spirited Outreach; Boating it Forward, National Youth Outreach Program

The Spirit of America Foundation presents a new and exciting project utilizing our young graduates to reach out to their own Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN) in an effort to introduce entire communities to the importance of boating and water safety education, ultimately assisting in saving lives on, in and near the water.

## Spirit of America Program Scope:

- Over 300 SOA instructors in 18 locations across America
- Nearly 1,000 students will graduate from the 2016 SOA programs
- SOA graduates spend 40+ hours in skills based on-water training
- Graduates are between 11-14 years of age (5th - 8th grade level), the perfect age to stay ahead of the 'bad boating behavior' curve and share their safety knowledge

*Our Graduates are 'paying it forward' creating future generations of 'SAFE-SMART' Boaters Spirited Outreach; Boating it Forward, A National Youth Outreach Program.*



**PREMIER YOUTH BOATING EDUCATION**

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# BOATING it FORWARD



## National Youth Outreach Program



The goal of the outreach program is to deliver basic boating and water safety instruction to Family, Friends, and Neighbors (FFN) focusing on the following program components:

### › Carriage Requirements

A review of the range of legally required equipment and the 'good to have aboard' with an emphasis on signally devices, personal safety gear. More than just a listing of the gear, a focus on how to use, where to store and when to replace.

### › Education and Age / Vessel Restrictions

A presentation on who will need classroom boating education and the restrictions relating to vessel operation. Also providing information for on water skills based education opportunities.

### › Rules of the Road

An overview on the importance of posting a look out, safe speeds, right of way and how to react in the proximity of other vessels.

### › Overloading, Swamping and Capsizing

How to minimize risks by understanding maximum capacities, properly loading and the best way to move around in a boat.

### › Lifejackets

A review of the types of lifejackets to suit each on water activity, how to fit a lifejacket, proper care and condition, and mandatory wear laws.



### › Aids to Navigation

Understanding the national waterway navigation marker system including lateral and regulatory markers.

### › Float Plans

The importance of a float plan, how to create one and the obligations of the responsible person with whom it is left.

### › Cold Water Immersion

Ways to reduce the risk of an accidental cold water immersion, what to do if you find yourself in cold water and how to rescue someone else.