

Families On The Water



Ohio Department of
NATURAL RESOURCES

Families On The Water is an outdoor education program from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) divisions of Watercraft, Wildlife and Parks. Participants receive hands-on instruction in fishing, boating and camping as well as advice on outdoor equipment and how to shop for it.

Participants begin at a retail outdoor store and learn to navigate the world of outdoor gear. Hands-on sessions include fishing and powerboating as well as an overnight camping trip at an Ohio State Park. ODNR staff will assist your family with setting up a tent campsite and cooking meals over the fire. Also included are night fishing and learning to fish from a kayak.

Dates for 2016:

June 7 & 9 (6-8PM)

Workshops at
Cabela's (Polaris)

June 11 (9AM-5PM)

Hands-on Fishing/Boating
at Delaware State Park

June 17- 18 (Noon Friday to 5PM Saturday)

Hands-on Camping /Paddling/Fishing
at Delaware State Park

Application Process

- Complete an application. Deadline is May 1, 2016.
- Space is limited; applications will be screened by ODNR and eligible families will be interviewed over the phone.
- Once selected, families will be notified of their acceptance into the program. We will provide an agenda detailing specific topics, locations and times.

Prerequisites

- All materials, boats and fishing and camping equipment will be provided except that by June 7, family members 16 or older must have a valid Ohio fishing license.
www.oh.wildlifelicense.com or may be purchased at Cabela's on the first night of class.
- Family members who are age-eligible who want to operate the powerboat must successfully complete an Ohio Boating Education Course Home Study Course (provided by ODNR).
- Families must commit to attending all events associated with the program.

Cost

\$40; nonrefundable; required once your family is accepted into the program.

Return completed application to:

Dawn Potter / FOTW
ODNR Division of Watercraft
2045 Morse Road, C-3
Columbus, OH 43229-6693

If you have questions:

dawn.potter@dnr.state.oh.us
Office (614) 265-6412
Mobile (614) 813-2505

Or

John Farson / FOTW
ODNR Division of Wildlife
2045 Morse Road, G-1
Columbus, OH 43229-6693

john.farson@dnr.state.oh.us
Office (614) 265-6310

2016 Families On The Water Application

Please print or type.

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED	
____ / ____ / ____	
DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER
____ / ____ / ____	
<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	

FIRST	MI	LAST	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	
			____ / ____ / ____		
Mailing Address	STREET		CITY	ST	ZIP CODE
Physical Address	STREET		CITY	ST	ZIP CODE
	<input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS MAILING				
MOBILE PHONE	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	EMAIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED METHOD		
OCCUPATION		COMPANY			

How long have you been an Ohio resident? _____

Family Members attending *Families On The Water*

FIRST	MI	LAST	DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	WEIGHT
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
			____ / ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	

Why would your family like to participate in the *Families On The Water* program?

What obstacles or barriers may keep your family from participating?

What is your family most excited to learn or experience?

How did you hear about the *Families On The Water* program?

Estimate the level of comfort or understanding your family has of the following activities using a scale of 1 to 5, where **1 = low level** of comfort or understanding and **5 = high level** of comfort or understanding.

Candidate families will be evaluated on their potential for growth. Please provide an honest evaluation.

	NOT COMFORTABLE NO UNDERSTANDING		SOMEWHAT COMFORTABLE SOME UNDERSTANDING		VERY COMFORTABLE HIGH UNDERSTANDING	
Boating in a large inland lake or reservoir	1	2	3	4	5	
Being on a boat	1	2	3	4	5	
Fishing basics	1	2	3	4	5	
Committing to multiple sessions of the program	1	2	3	4	5	
Awareness of ODNR Watercraft, Parks and Wildlife programs	1	2	3	4	5	
Being unplugged from mobile devices	1	2	3	4	5	
Understanding environmental issues in Ohio	1	2	3	4	5	
How to catch, clean and cook fish	1	2	3	4	5	
Touching fish, worms, grubs, leeches or other bait	1	2	3	4	5	
Exotic and invasive species affecting Ohio's waterways	1	2	3	4	5	
Being in a kayak or canoe for several hours	1	2	3	4	5	
Eating a meal on the water or shore; cooking on a campfire	1	2	3	4	5	
Setting up a camp site, tent, stacking wood, building a fire	1	2	3	4	5	

