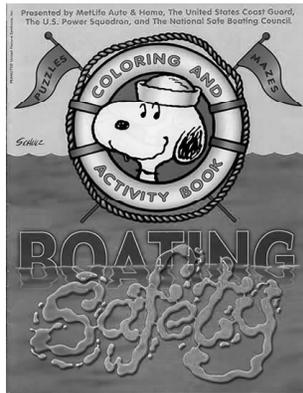


"Sidekicks" The Power of Safe Boating



A fun-filled, 12-page activity booklet full of puzzles, word searches, games and challenges for youths to enjoy while learning some basic boating and water safety techniques. Developed by the National Safe Boating Council in cooperation with USPS, this is the newest tool in our *Boating Safety Toolchest for Kids*. It is available from USPS at 1 888/For USPS at \$5.00 per pack of 10 (plus S & H) - USPS item #09-09-115.

MetLife Color/Activity Book



This color/activity sticker booklet teaches young children about core boating safety issues through activities involving the well-known "Snoopy" character. These booklets are provided from MetLife Home & Auto. USPS item # 1130-001.

Visit our kid-friendly website at
www.usps4kids.org.

It will enable you and your kids to track the development of the WaterSmartSM program with updates, samples of the games and fun to do activities for kids. Hotlinks to the USPS Youth Activities site will connect parents, leaders and educators to information on tools and resources for teaching boating and water safety for kids.

Kids are our future.

Let them be

**"Water Smart
from the Start"**

Use these tools
to teach children life
saving behaviors that
will assure enjoyable
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Hi! I'm SeaVester. I'm the USPS mascot for "kid stuff". I'm here to introduce you to the USPS Boating Safety Toolchest for Kids. The Toolchest is a growing collection of tools and resources to help you teach kids to be "water smart". Why not take a moment to see what the Toolchest currently has to offer in the way of programs and orderable materials.

WaterSmartSM From the Start

WaterSmartSM From the Start is a project designed to introduce and promote boating and water safety education in elementary, middle, and secondary school classrooms and other youth-meeting venues.

"The Game" will be scenario based/driven in that during each event decisions will be made depending on the equipment placed on board your selected vessel. It will be fun as well as educational. Educational, in that many safety aspects of recreational boating will be presented and in some instances, in a repetitious format. Players will not only learn by visualization; but they will actually control speed and direction of their chosen boat. There will be structured navigation events that are learning tools supporting basic navigational rules and regulations leading to basic free play. Players

will be tracked and awarded points depending on choices made both before, and during, each event.

Basic and advanced operation of a vessel on intracoastal waterways with night and fog navigation and ranges, as well as environmental/rescue and fishing, will be available to learners of all ages.

To assist the players there will be the www.usps4kids.org mascot, "SeaVester", a park ranger and a game warden to verify many of the choices. Companion materials that will provide additional fun and learning along with a teacher's resource manual are also being developed.

Visit the website: www.usps4kids.org for news and availability of this tool. Target date for completion is Fall 2004.

Boating Safety for Kids

Manual and course for children ages 5 to eleven years.

BOATING SAFETY FOR Kids



USPS Item 07 73 131
Boating Safety for Kids
DVD/Manual for
members \$12.50

USPS Item 07 73 130
Boating Safety for Kids
DVD/Manual for
non-members \$30.00

This is a 10-lesson manual for the parent, teacher or squadron member who wants to develop an outreach or community service program for teaching boating and water safety to children ages 5 - 11 years. There is an excellent introduction and explanation on working with children and detailed lesson plans and activities to make it fun and interesting for these young learners. A companion, DVD is also available from Bill Nuy, The Science Guy, that

has an entertaining and interesting format. The lessons are hands on and engage the children in challenging and fun activities. Special certificates are available for the participants along with sample letters for principals and Public Relations ideas.

USPS Youth Poster Contest

This is a USPS sponsored youth program aimed at focusing the attention and creativity of kids to express safety messages in their own terms.

This contest is open to any school age child from 6 - 14 years. Prizes are available for squadron, district and national winners. Parents, teachers, youth leaders download the information and contact a squadron near you to sponsor your children. Let them be creative and design a poster that will be published and win a prize. Call USPS HQ at 1 888/For USPS to locate a squadron and a contact name and number close to your geographic area. Often poster materials are provided by local squadrons for school, youth groups and children within their geographic area through grant funds.

Check out the current theme and rules at the USPS Youth Team website: <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth>.

Youth Boating & Water Safety Presentation Kit

Promotes the Youth Poster Contest

A new guide for presenting a school assembly program to children demonstrating the Life Jacket Style Show and the "Sit, Throw, Yell and Wave" song and technique are available in electronic format on this CD "kit." Also included are files for stickers, letters to school officials, a PowerPoint® program and script for teaching children basic life-saving skills and encouraging them to participate in the Youth Poster Contest. USPS item # 07-39-050.