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Liberty Camp USA Continues to Inspire Young Patriots in Lake County

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, June 18, 2026 – Liberty Camp USA is once again bringing American history to life for Lake County youth through an immersive educational experience designed to foster an appreciation for the nation’s founding principles, history, and civic responsibility. Camp begins July 6, and registration remains open for new campers.

Founded in Geauga County in 2015 by Linda J. O’Brien, Liberty Camp USA expanded into Lake County in 2021. The nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization was created with the mission of re-igniting patriotism in today’s youth by teaching American history in a fun, engaging, and memorable way. Since its inception, nearly 1,700 young people have graduated from the program.

At Liberty Camp USA, students entering second through seventh grades attend as “Time Travelers,” passing through a portal into the 1700s where they experience life during America’s founding era. Campers interact with historical reenactors portraying both well-known and lesser-known figures from the Revolutionary period while learning about the sacrifices, challenges, and virtues that helped secure American independence.

Students in eighth grade through college age participate as “Young Patriots,” serving as assistant reenactors and helping bring history to life for younger campers. In addition to gaining valuable leadership experience, these students earn community service hours for their participation.

This year, Founder and Director Linda J. O’Brien partnered with Lake County Job and Family Services and Laketrans to expand access to the camp for local children. Through the generosity of donors, scholarship funds will cover the cost of attendance for participating youth.

“When I was young, my mother could not afford to send me to camp, but my church covered the cost and it was an amazing blessing,” said O’Brien. “I want to give the same gift to children in Lake County.”

“Understanding our nation’s founding principles is essential to preserving liberty,” said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. “Liberty Camp USA offers an engaging and memorable way for students to learn about American history, personal responsibility, and the important role each citizen plays in safeguarding freedom.”

Throughout the week, campers learn about America's founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. They also explore the daily life, customs, manners, and values of the 18th century through hands-on activities, reenactments, and interactive lessons.

Camp organizers emphasize the importance of civic engagement, personal responsibility, perseverance, courage, and service to others. Through these experiences, campers gain a deeper understanding of the role each generation plays in preserving freedom and strengthening their communities.

Liberty Camp USA remains committed to keeping the program affordable, with camp tuition set at just \$70 per week thanks to the support of volunteers and donors. The organization's goal is not to generate profit, but to invest in the next generation by providing an educational experience that encourages leadership, character development, and an appreciation for American history.

Parents and guardians interested in enrolling their children are encouraged to register soon, as space remains available for the camp session beginning July 6.

For more information about Liberty Camp USA, visit www.LibertyCampUSA.com or contact Linda J. O'Brien, Founder and Director, at 440-725-2064.

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