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**BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING
FOUNDATION
2025 SAILING ENROLLMENT
PACKET**

BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

2025 Programs

The Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation operates four youth sailing programs to introduce youth to sailing and improve their sailing skills. These are run by volunteers from our base at the Blue Valley Yacht Club on Tuttle Creek Reservoir outside of Manhattan, KS. They are as follows:

1. Our entry level program is Camp Opti for youth 7 to 13 years of age. We offer the program twice each summer, once in June and again in July. The program runs evenings Monday through Thursday, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon. After completing this program, the youth will be able to assemble and launch their boat. After launching their boat, they will be able to sail a designated course and return to the dock safely. Each session is limited to the first eight (8) qualified applicants.
2. For youth between 13 and 17 years old and those who have physically outgrown our Opti trainers we offer a one-and-a-half-day program to teach the basics of sailing to prepare them to join the Advanced Youth Sailing Program. Instructors' approvals are required for enrollment.
3. After a youth has completed Camp Opti or our Older Youth Sail Training program they may participate in the Advanced Youth Sailing Program to improve their sailing skills. At first, they continue sailing Optis. In the Advanced Program we use Opti trainers, Flying Juniors and Sunfish depending on an individual's physical size and sailing skills. As they begin sailing Flying Juniors and Sunfish, emphasis will be placed on crew cooperation. With parental consent and participation, the youth sailors will have an opportunity to race with their instructors in Blue Valley Yacht Club races.
4. Near the end of the sailing session we hold our Annual Youth Regatta. The youth are divided into classes by their instructors based upon their size and sailing skills for an afternoon of racing.

The dates and times for this year's events are listed on the next page. All dates and times are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

A limited number of scholarships are available. See below for YES FUND Scholarship information.

BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION'S

2025 Sailing Calendar

JANUARY

Sat.	11 th	Annual Membership Meeting	09.30	Vista
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FEBRUARY

Sun.	16 th	Winter Event	17.30	Mullen CH
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MAY

Sat.	31 st	Advanced Youth Sailing (Workday & Large Boat Sail)	10.30	BVYC
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JUNE

Sat.	07 th	Older Youth Basic Sail Training	09.30	BVYC
Mon.	09 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Tue.	10 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Wed.	11 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Thu.	12 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Sat.	14 th	Camp Opti	10.00	BVYC
Sun.	15 th	Camp Opti & Advanced Youth Sailing	13.30	BVYC
Sun.	22 nd	Advanced Youth Sailing	13.30	BVYC
Sun.	29 th	Advanced Youth Sailing	13.30	BVYC

JULY

Sun.	06 th	Advanced Youth Sailing/BVYC Race	13.30	BVYC
Mon.	07 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Tue.	08 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Wed.	09 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Thu.	10 th	Camp Opti	18.30	BVYC
Sat.	12 th	Camp Opti	10.00	BVYC
Sun.	13 th	Camp Opti & Advanced Youth Sailing	13.30	BVYC
Sun.	20 th	Advanced Youth Sailing	13.30	BVYC
Sun.	27 th	Advanced Youth Sailing/BVYC Race	13.30	BVYC

AUGUST

Sun.	03 rd	Regatta Practice	13.30	BVYC
Sat.	09 th	Regatta	10.30	BVYC
Sun.	24 th	Advance Youth Sailing	13.30	BVYC

SEPTEMBER

Sun.	07 th	Advance Youth Sailing/BVYC Race	13.30	BVYC
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BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

2025 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership for myself (and my family) in the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation and provide the following information. I agree that the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation may from time to time send me information regarding its activities. I can request to be removed from its emailing list at any time.

Memberships run from April 1, 2025, until March 31, 2026

Adult's Name _____

Adult's Name _____

Child's Name _____ **Age:** _____

Child's Name _____ **Age:** _____

(List additional family members on the back)

Address _____

(street)

(city, state, zip code)

Home or Cell Phone #1: _____

Cell Phone #2: _____

Email #1: _____

Email #2: _____

Member's signature

Date

Fees:

Family Membership: \$30.00 (includes all youth in advanced programs & the regatta)

Older Youth Basic Sail Training: \$10.00 per youth in addition to the Family Membership

Camp Opti Fee: \$30.00 per youth in addition to the Family Membership.

Fill out a separate youth application for each participating youth.

See YES Fund scholarship information below.

2025 BVYSF

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

/__ / I am an experienced sailor and am willing to help teach

Small outboard safety boat operations

/__ / Experienced

/__ / Willing to learn

/__ / I am willing to help with general facilities maintenance

Boat repair and maintenance

/__ / General Maintenance

/__ / Sail Repair

/__ / Other: _____

Snacks for:

/__ / Saturday of Camp Opti

/__ / Sunday of Camp Opti

/__ / Older Youth Sail Training

/__ / Regatta

First Aid Trained

/ / First Aid Certified by _____ (Agency)

/ / CPR Certified _____ (Agency)

At least one adult must attend all sessions while their child or children are on the water to help with safety supervision.

(Name)

Please volunteer to help!

BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION
2025 YOUTH SAILING APPLICATION

Youth's First Name _____ Youth's Last Name _____ Age _____

Parent or Guardian's First Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Last Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Adult Participant other than above _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

(Street, City, State, Zip)

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone _____

I have Liability Insurance /_/_ Yes /_/_ No

If yes state company and policy number: _____

My youth is covered by Medical Insurance /_/_ Yes /_/_ No

If yes state company and policy number: _____

IN MAKING THIS APPLICATION I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOME INHERENT RISKS IN ANY OUTDOOR/WATER ACTIVITIES. I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE WITH MY CHILD IN ALL ACTIVITIES, OR THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED ADULT PARTICIPANT IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT FULLY IN MY STEAD IN ALL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDED IN THIS PROGRAM

Parent or Guardian

Date

Check One

- I request Camp Opti June 9-15
 - I request Camp Opti July 7-13
 - I request to continue in the Advanced Program after Camp Opti with no additional fee
 - I request Older Youth Basic Sail Training & the Advanced Sailing Program
 - I have completed Camp Opti and request the Advanced Sailing Program
- I am only able to attend Camp Opti June 9-15
 - I am only able to attend Camp Opti July 7-13

BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION
YOUTH PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

A Family Membership in the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation is required for participation in Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation programs. Program descriptions are in the enrollment packet.

Sailing is both a physical and mental sport requiring youth to be able to concentrate on the activity. The youth sailor must be able to swim. All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket suitable for their size and weight whenever they are on the water including on the docks and safety crafts. Loaner life jackets are available. Proper footwear will be worn at all times during the camp, both on land and on the water. The youth sailors need to bring a change of clothes and a towel. Adults may find it helpful to their youth sailors to bring a pen or pencil and paper to take notes.

The courses will be taught at the Blue Valley Yacht Club on the dates and at the times attached, unless you are otherwise notified. The youth sailor and their adult participant need to be on time and ready to start at the designated time.

I, _____, understand that by entering this sailing course I agree to obey all programs rules as set forth by the program director and instructors, that I will use my greatest care in the use of the boats and equipment; that I will not engage in any horseplay or other disruptive behavior. I understand that failure to attend regularly, arrive promptly and abide by the rules may result in my suspension from the program.

Youth Sailor: _____, Date: _____

I agree to attend all sessions of the sailing sessions that my youth attends or have an authorized adult present with my youth sailor. I assume full responsibility for any loss or damage, excepting loss or damage covered by insurance, that may come to any person, including myself and my youth sailor, boat, equipment, dock or other property used in conjunction with this course as the result of improper use, negligence, or violation of the rules by myself and/or my youth sailor. I acknowledge that the sport of sailing and the conduct of this course are subject to certain inherent risks on the water and land. I agree that my personal liability insurance and my youth sailor's family health insurance will have primary coverage for accidents. **I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD THE BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION, THE BLUE VALLEY YACHT CLUB & THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INSTRUCTORS, HARMLESS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.**

I (do) (do not) authorized the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation to use my child's photographic image and name on its website. Additional use of such may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Adult Participant. _____ Date: _____

BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

Invitation and Entry Form for the **2025 INVITATIONAL REGATTA**

Having completed a Camp Opti or Older Youth Sail Training, you are invited to participate in the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation's 2025 Invitational Regatta, Aug 9, 2025.

ENTRY FORM

Youth's Name _____ **Age** _____

First

Last

***Parent or Guardian's Name** _____

First

Last

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Email** _____

Name of Adult Participant other than above _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Email** _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ **Phone** _____

BY ENTERING THIS REGATTA, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THERE ARE SOME INHERENT RISKS IN ALL OUTDOOR/WATER ACTIVITIES. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT OUR AGREEMENTS AND RELEASES FOR CAMP OPTI/ADVANCED OPTI AND ADVANCED BOAT PROGRAM REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THIS REGATTA, INCLUDING THE USE OR NON-USE OF MY CHILD'S IMAGE IN ADVERTISING OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS AS APPLICABLE TO THIS EVENT.

Dated: _____

Parent or Guardian

Youth Sailor

There may be up to three racing classes, Opti, Sunfish and Flying Juniors. Staff will assign sailors to specific classes based upon the youth's age, size and sailing experience.

***If different from Family Membership Application**

BLUE VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

CAMP OPTI ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Monday:	Welcome Orientation Program Goals Safety Rules Capsize Drill, Pg's 32, 33 Assemble and disassemble boats, Pg's 5-9 Barnacles and Buoys	Saturday:	Safety Review Assemble Boats Sail a specified course, Pg 27 Store equipment Barnacles and Buoys
Tuesday:	Safety Review Steering Drill, Pg 12 Assemble Boat & disassemble boats Sail Trim Instruction, Pg's 18-27 Store equipment Barnacles and Buoys	Sunday:	Safety Review Assemble Boats Races, Pg's 40-44 Store equipment Barnacles and Buoys Final Words to Youth and Parents
Wednesday:	Safety Review Assemble Boats Irons recovery instruction First Sail, Pg's 11-14 Review Sail trim w/ models Docking #1 Store equipment Barnacles and Buoys		
Thursday:	Safety Review Assemble Boats Docking #2 Free Sail, Pg's 18-26 Review Store equipment Barnacles and Buoys		

VALLEY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION

Scholarship Information & Application

The YES Fund of the Greater Manhattan Community Fund has provided the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation with funds for a limited number of scholarships for our programs during 2025. If you are interested in having your child or children participate in the BVYSF's programs but believe that the fees listed below would cause you financial hardship review the income guidelines below. If your family qualifies for a scholarship, fill out the application and submit it with your program application. Scholarships will be granted in the order the applications are received without consideration of race, color, gender, creed or any other legally protected status.

Applications for a Yes Fund Scholarship must be received by May 15, 2025

If you do not meet the income guidelines for a scholarship but feel you have special circumstances and need assistance with the fees, contact us at bvysf@cox.net.

All financial information will be held in strict confidence.

Income Qualifications

Number. of Adults &

<u>Youth in Household</u>	<u>Household Income</u>
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190

If your household is larger than six persons contact us at bvysf@cox.net

I hereby apply for a YES Fund Scholarship for the programs of the Blue Valley Youth Sailing Foundation checked below. I certify that I have reviewed the income levels listed above and my family qualifies for the requested scholarship.

Programs Requested to be funded by the Scholarship:

Family Membership (Required for all programs) \$30.00 / _ /

Advanced Opti/Boats Included in Family Membership*

Camp Opti per Child \$30.00 / _ / for _____ children

Older Youth Basic Sail Training per Child \$10.00 / _ / for _____ children

(Name)

*Must have completed Camp Opti or an equivalent course before starting the program