



## Elementary School Programs-Grade 5

All programs occur on Thompson Island, in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area, unless otherwise indicated

### **Environmental Explorations\*:** 2-day or 3-day environmental program with overnights on Thompson Island

**Goals:** Students will learn about salt marsh and woodland ecosystems through hands-on outdoor activities. Environmental stewardship and group cooperation will be emphasized through non-competitive games and low ropes challenges. Environmental activities may include: salt marsh investigation, salt marsh restoration study, micro-wilderness (invertebrate) study,

**Course Frameworks:** Compassion, Learning through Experience, Environmental Responsibility and Service

**Curriculum Standards:** Tied to Massachusetts standards for Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA, and Comprehensive Health

**Program Elements:** Games, initiatives, low (and high) ropes, full value contract, environmental activities

- Delivered in partnership with National Park Service Education Rangers



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### **Community-Building: 2-day team building with overnight**

**Goals:** Students will learn about group cooperation through games, hands-on challenges and low ropes activities. Communication and listening skills, plus compassion for others will be emphasized. The overnight experience will allow students the opportunity to work together and further develop a cooperative community. Full value contract allows each team to agree on the behaviors they would like to have and not have in their community.

**Course Frameworks:** Integrity, Compassion, Supportive, and Character Development

**Course Themes:** Collaboration, consideration, compassion, courage

**Program Elements:** Games, initiatives, low and high ropes, full value contract



**Teambuilding and Communication: 1-day low challenge program**

*Goals:* Students will learn about group cooperation through games, hands-on challenges and low ropes activities. Communication and listening skills, plus compassion for others will be emphasized.

**Course Frameworks:** Learning through Experience, Character Development and Compassion

*Course Themes:* Collaboration, consideration, compassion, courage

**Program Elements:** Games, initiatives, low ropes

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