

Values

We teach to and work by these values:

Compassion

- Demonstrating concern and acting with a spirit of respect and generosity in service to others

Integrity

- Acting with honesty, being accountable for one's decisions and actions

Excellence

- Being one's best self, pursuing craftsmanship in one's actions, and living a healthy and balanced life

Inclusion and Diversity

- Valuing and working to create communities representative of our society that support and respect differences

Design Principles

We use these principles to design and deliver programs:

Learning through Experience

- Facilitating engaging, relevant, sequential experiences that promote skill mastery and incorporate reflection and transference
- Learning from success as well as failure

Challenge and Adventure

- Using unfamiliar settings to impel students into mentally, emotionally and physically demanding experiences
- Utilizing and managing appropriate risk

Supportive Environment

- Designing an experience that supports physical and emotional safety
- Developing a caring and positive group culture

Outcomes

These are the outcomes common to all of our programs and what we measure:

Character Development

- Demonstrating increased self-confidence and self-actualization
- Demonstrating compassion toward others and living a healthy and balanced life

Leadership

- Demonstrating the ability to set goals, and inspire and guide others to achieve them
- Demonstrating the ability to collaborate, communicate, solve problems and resolve conflicts effectively

Service

- Demonstrating social and environmental responsibility
- Actively engaging in service to others

Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center is a not-for-profit organization whose primary purpose is to provide adventurous and challenging experiential learning programs that inspire character development, compassion, community service, environmental responsibility and academic achievement. Our organization principally serves early adolescents from all economic and social communities of greater metropolitan Boston, and the institutions and adults who support them.



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