



THOMPSON ISLAND
OUTWARD BOUND EDUCATION CENTER

*“One mile
from Boston...”*

THOMPSON ISLAND

*...a million
miles from
ordinary”*



EDUCATION AND
ADVENTURE



EVENTS AND
CONFERENCES



SERVICE AND
SPONSORSHIP



Greetings From THOMPSON ISLAND

EACH YEAR, THOUSANDS OF BOSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS BOARD A FERRY TO VISIT THOMPSON ISLAND OUTWARD BOUND EDUCATION CENTER IN THE BOSTON HARBOR. ONE MILE FROM DOWNTOWN, *BUT* FOR THE STUDENTS WE SERVE IT'S A WORLD AWAY

Thompson Island's 204 acres encompass two salt marshes, a fresh water pond, beaches, woodlands, meadows, and tide pools. Its natural resources are enhanced by a historic campus with dormitories, classrooms, science labs, challenge courses, and 62-foot climbing towers. In other words, Thompson Island is the perfect place to immerse students in hands-on science learning combined with Outward Bound leadership and team building activities.



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FREE FOR STUDENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST UNDERSERVED NEIGHBORHOODS, THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO IMPROVE CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS.

A unique business model enables us to provide these programs at no cost. In addition to philanthropic investments, Thompson Island is sustained through fees from Outward Bound programs for adults and teens, and manages a unique conference and events center that allows the community to enjoy the island while supporting its youth programs.

Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center has been educating and building character for underserved youth for almost two hundred years. In 1833 the Island became home to the Boston Farm School for orphaned boys. As the generations passed, the organization evolved from agrarian to industrial to academic, with a consistent emphasis on "learning by doing."

Part of the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park, our key partners include Boston Public Schools and the National Park Service.





FEE-FOR-SERVICE EDUCATION

Outward Bound Professional: Customized professional and corporate adult programs focusing on team building and leadership development.

Discovery: Adventure, challenge, and experiences in the natural world helping young people transform into team members and leaders.

ISLAND GUESTS

A unique, visually stunning and convenient venue for conferences, retreats, weddings, clambakes, corporate and social gatherings. Proceeds from this social enterprise support our free youth programming.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A generous and loyal network of individuals, foundations, and corporate donors fund our youth programs. Our two annual fundraisers include the 4K Trail Run and Evening Expedition Gala.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

Each season, more than 1,500 volunteers from Boston's business community maintain and preserve the Island for our students.

FREE PROGRAMS FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Connections (Middle School Students): Hands-on science utilizing our “Island Classroom” combined with Outward Bound teambuilding and leadership activities.

Green Ambassadors (High School Students): Summer employment practicing life skills, workforce readiness, and environmental stewardship. In partnership with the National Park Service.

Expeditions (Kids ages 12 to 17): Sea-kayaking, backpacking, and sailing expeditions that develop character, leadership, and nature skills.



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