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Thompson Island Outward Bound is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to provide adventurous and challenging experiential learning programs for Boston Metropolitan youth. Our programs are designed to inspire character development, cooperation, community service, environmental responsibility and academic achievement. All proceeds are used to support our youth programs.

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Creating positive lasting change in your workplace

Philosophy
The heart of the Outward Bound experience is learning by doing. To create positive lasting change in the workplace, training/education must be challenging, enjoyable and on-going. The difference between a high-performing team and a group not working up to its potential is the ability of the team to continually evaluate its performance and make corrections. Outward Bound Professional’s customized programs provide you with the opportunity to continually improve the performance of your team.

Approach
Our customized approach is carefully designed to meet your goals. Each program follows a four-phase approach to help our clients succeed.

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<td>On-going discussions with our clients to determine individual, team, and organizational objectives. Because each team is different, we are flexible in our approach to meet your needs.</td>
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Mission
Outward Bound Professional’s mission is to create positive lasting change in the workplace by providing cutting-edge, customized programs that enhance the effectiveness of individuals, groups, and organizations.

History
Outward Bound Professional is one of the oldest and largest providers of organizational training in the world. For over 50 years we have delivered experientially-based training and development focused on improving the effectiveness of organizations.

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Helping you develop more effective teams

Your company’s most valuable resource is its people. In today’s fast-moving global arena, it is vital to develop and sustain an internal atmosphere of trust, personal empowerment, leadership and teamwork. That’s why Outward Bound Professional is committed to applying our 50 years of experience towards building client relationships and designing training programs that propel leaders and teams to new heights of effectiveness and productivity.

The most powerful and sustainable learning comes from direct, relevant, concrete experiences. As corporate America’s premier provider of experiential leadership and team development, we will custom-design your program with activities that serve as metaphors for the unique challenges of your workplace.

Our professional facilitators and depth of experience help us bring the benefits of action learning to organizations around the world. As you face new challenges, Outward Bound Professional will help you find more effective, sustainable solutions to help build powerful teams.

"I just wanted to drop you a quick note to say thank you for such a phenomenal experience on Thompson Island. Given the very positive feedback from colleagues at Pathosan, I think that everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself or herself and got a lot out of the experience. We wouldn’t hesitate to recommend the format of your program to anyone!" —Parthenon Capital

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