



Outward Bound
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Timeline

- 1920** Kurt Hahn becomes headmaster of Salem Schule – a school founded by Prince Max of Baden, which aimed to equip young people with convictions rooted in personal responsibility, kindness, and justice.
- 1934** Kurt Hahn finds Gordonstoun School with the hope to instill young people with qualities of skill, compassion, honesty, initiative, adventure, and a sense of service to their fellow beings. Development has proceeded at Gordonstoun, maintaining all the facilities necessary for a school, which will continue to give a lead in independent education into the twenty-first century.
- 1941** First Outward Bound School is established in Aberdovey, Wales by Kurt Hahn. During World War II, Hahn developed programs to instill greater self-reliance and spiritual tenacity in young British seamen being torpedoed by German U-boats.
- 1950** Josh Miner, founder of Outward Bound in the U.S., travels to Wales to learn about Outward Bound from Kurt Hahn and brings the philosophy and concept to the United States.
- 1961** Outward Bound presents a formal proposal to the Peace Corps and gets an official go-ahead to help in the training of volunteers; first Outward Bound School is founded in the U.S. – Colorado Outward Bound School.
- 1962** The first course in the United States, C-1, has 35 students. The three courses that summer have a total of 100 students; 51 of them attend on scholarship.
- 1975** Florida “Discovery” programs founded in Yulee, Florida.
- 1979** Outward Bound Professional is established to offer courses for leaders and managers from not-for-profit, government, and corporate organizations.
- 1986** The Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound Program is founded in partnership between the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School and Baltimore’s Parks & People Foundation.
- 1987** Outward Bound opens its first independent urban center in New York City to effect positive and lasting change in the lives of New York City’s young people and their public schools.
- 1988** Outward Bound selected as a partner to operate the Thompson Island Education Center, creating a new entity – the Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center.
- 1990** The Atlanta Outward Bound Urban Center is founded by the North Carolina Outward Bound.
- 1991** Under President George H. W. Bush the New American Schools Development Corporation (NAS) is established to "reinvent American Education" and asks for proposals for "break-the-mold" school models that would be funded through \$150 million in grants from Nabisco, Ford, Pew Charitable Trust, IBM, Boeing, and more; Outward Bound submits proposal.

- 1992** NAS selects the Outward Bound proposal for establishment of Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound and funds the effort. Outward Bound is one of 11 whole school reform models selected out of 700.
- 1992** The Philadelphia Outward Bound Urban Center is founded in partnership with business and community leaders and the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School.
- 2003** The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant Expeditionary Learning Schools Outward Bound (ELS) \$12.5 million to launch 20 new high schools over five years; eight of the schools will be in New York City.
- 2005** Outward Bound merges seven of its ten independent 501(c)3's including Outward Bound West (Golden, CO), Voyageur Outward Bound (Ely, MN), Hurricane Island Outward Bound (Rockland, ME), Expeditionary Learning Schools Outward Bound (Garrison, NY), Outward Bound National, and the Outward Bound Baltimore and Philadelphia Urban Centers into a unified Outward Bound.

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