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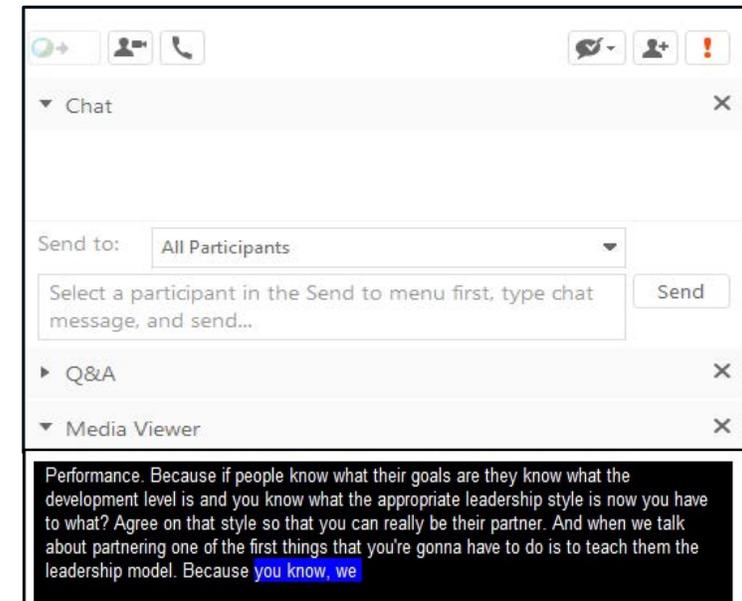
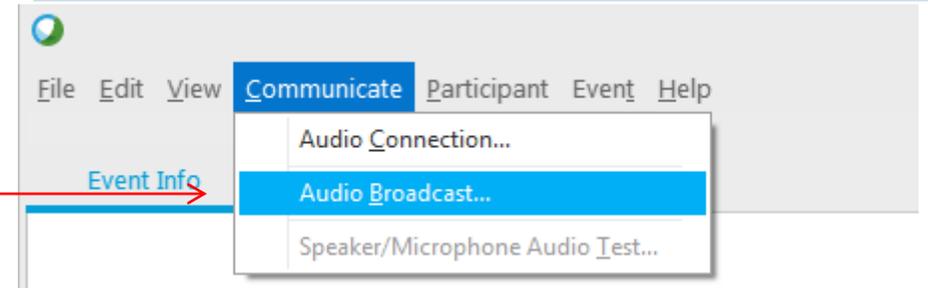
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Agenda

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- Overview of the Segal Education Award
- Eligible uses of the Education Award
- Getting outdoors with your Education Award
 - NOLS
 - Outward Bound
- Questions and resources

About this presentation

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- Created by the VISTA Program
- Applicable to anyone with an Education Award
- Non-VISTA specific questions may require additional research

The Segal Education Award

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- One-time financial award administered by the National Service Trust
- Current award amount: \$5,920
- Available for 7 years after completion of service





- Only transferrable for AmeriCorps State and National members aged 55+
- Lifetime limit of 2 full Education Awards
- Counted as taxable income

Education Award Uses

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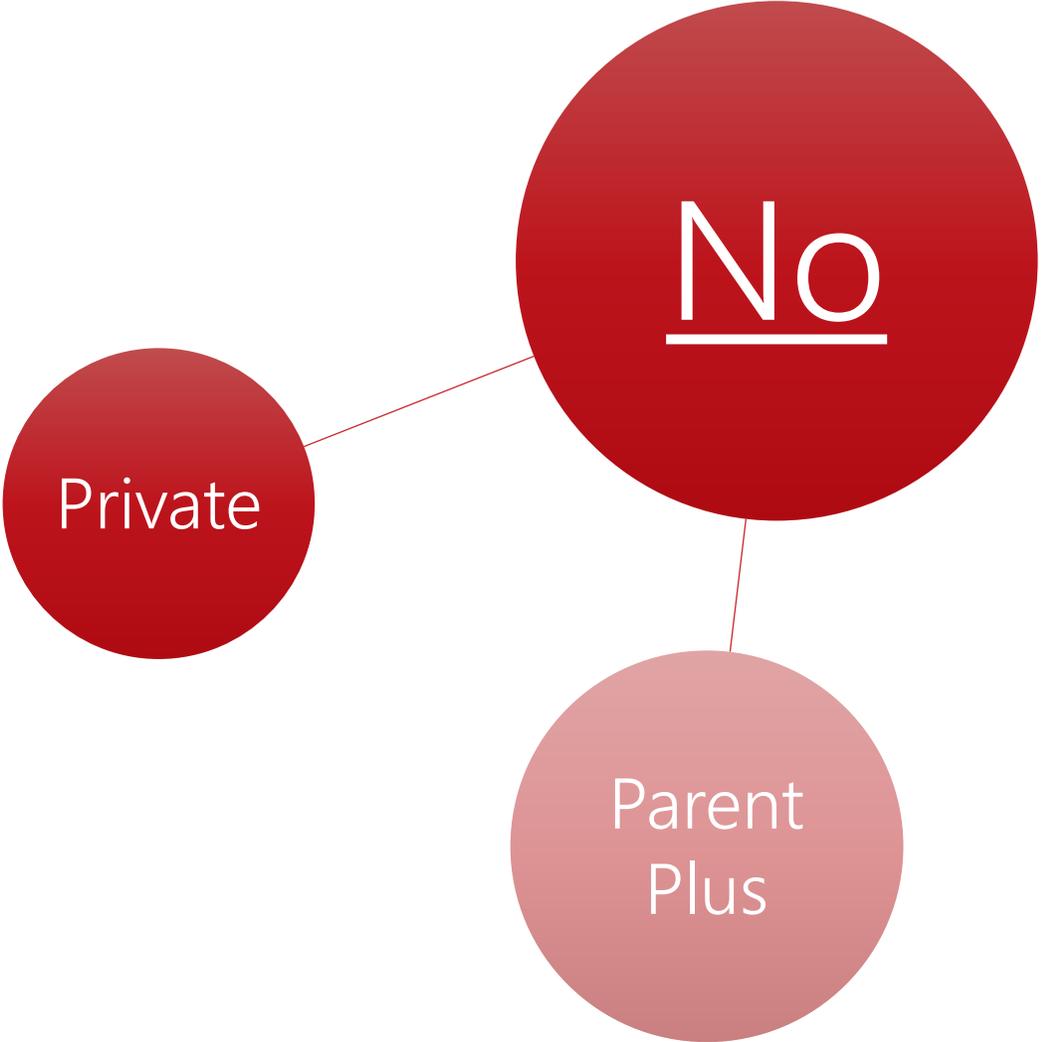
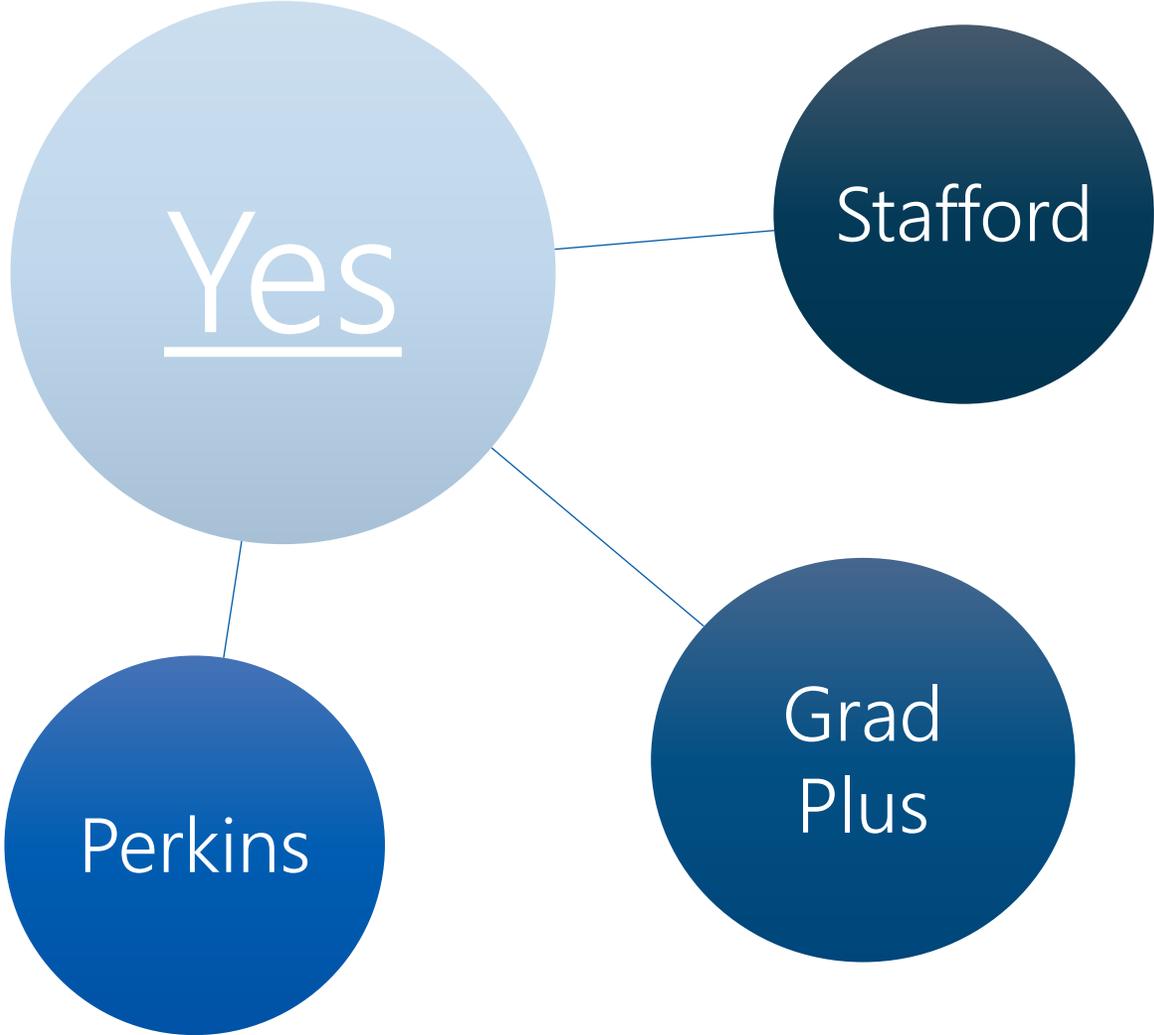
1. Federal student loan payments

2. Eligible education expenses



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2. Eligible Education Expenses

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- Paid through *Title IV Institutions*
 - Can receive federal student aid
 - 30,000+ institutions
- “Cost of attendance”
 - Tuition
 - Fees
 - Books
 - Supplies
 - Room and Board



Requesting a payment

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HOME

My AmeriCorps

- ⊕ Applicant Home
- ⊕ My Tax Statements
- ⊖ My Education Award
 - + Create Forbearance Request
 - + Create Interest Payment Request
 - + **Create Education Award Payment Request**
- ⊕ My Service Letter
- ⊕ Contact My AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Service Date: 08/24/2009
Available Balance: \$322.29

* Payment Type: ?

* Amount Authorized: ?

Institution Information (Search for Institutions) ?

Please select an institution to send this request to by clicking the "Search Institutions" link above.

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Outdoor & International Programs

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- Dozens of schools in foreign countries that accept US Federal Student Aid
- Semester At Sea

- NOLS
- Outward Bound
- Aerie Backcountry Medicine



Education Award Trivia

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Trivia Question 1

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I can use my Education Award to purchase dinner.

Yes

No

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Q: I can use my Education Award to purchase dinner.

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No! You cannot use your Education Award to purchase dinner. However, you can use the award to pay for your meal plan at a qualified institution.

Trivia Question 2

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I can use the Education Award to pay my private student loans.

Yes

No

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Q: I can use my Education Award to pay my private student loans.

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No! You cannot use your Education Award to pay for private student loans. Only federally backed student loans may be paid.

Trivia Question 3

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I can use the Education Award to go to cosmetology school.

Yes

No

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Q: I can use the Education Award to go to cosmetology school.

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Yes! You can use the Education Award to attend beauty or cosmetology school as long as the institution is able to receive federal funds.

Trivia Question 4

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I can use the Education Award to travel to Europe.

Yes

No

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Q: I can use the Education Award to travel to Europe.

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Yes and No – The Education Award can only be used through schools that accept federal funds. Semesters abroad that are billed through your school would be payable via Education Award.

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NOLS – Libby's Story

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- Took the Baja Ocean Semester in 2007 – a three month expedition course with a Wilderness First Aid certification.
- Has worked for NOLS since 2009.
- Is currently the University Relations Coordinator at NOLS, and the main point of contact for students using their AmeriCorps Award to pay for NOLS Expedition courses.



NOLS – Who We Are

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- NOLS is a comprehensive wilderness school.
- Students learn communication, good judgment, and grit through developing outdoor skills, risk management, and wilderness medicine expertise in a hands-on environment.
- Students graduate from their courses prepared to step forward and lead their communities in a changing world.



NOLS – Mission

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- The NOLS mission is to be the leading source and teacher of wilderness skills and leadership that serves people and the environment.
- Our community—staff, students, trustees, and alumni—share a commitment to wilderness, education, leadership, safety, community, and excellence.



NOLS – Where We Are

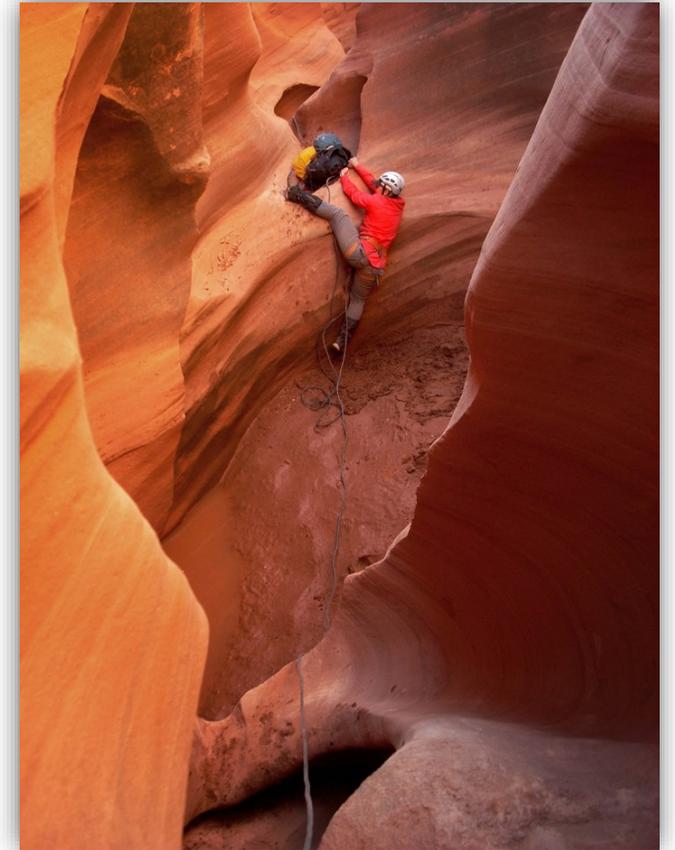
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- Course Offerings

- Backpacking
- Mountaineering
- Rock Climbing
- Sea Kayaking
- Skiing
- And more....



- Full List: nols.edu/courses

NOLS – Courses Eligible

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- AmeriCorps Education Awards can be used for any Expedition or Wilderness Medicine course.

NOLS – Utilizing Your Award

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- NOLS is not a Title IV School
- Partnership with Western State Colorado University
- Payment sent directly to WSCU



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More details about how to use your AmeriCorps Segal Education Award found at:

nols.edu/financialaid



NOLS – Perks For Vista Alum

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- Students taking semester or yearlong Expedition courses using their AmeriCorps Award are eligible for a match from NOLS of up to \$2,000.
- College Credits from Western State Colorado University are available for every course. You can earn 1-19 credits depending on your course type and length.

NOLS – Amy's Story

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- AmeriCorps and a NOLS Alumnus.
- Currently works as a Marketing Representative at NOLS World Headquarters in Lander, WY.



NOLS – Contact Us

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- www.nols.edu
- Join us! Contact us at 800-710-6657 or admissions@nols.edu for more information.



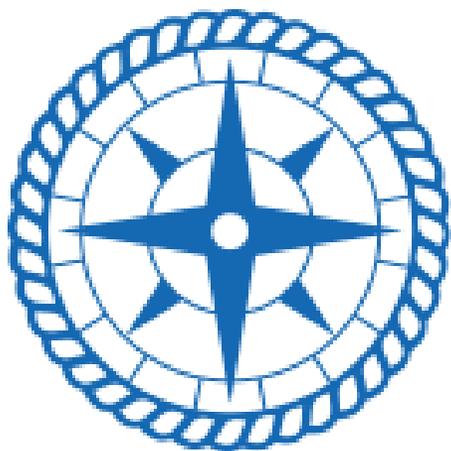


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Changing Lives Through Challenge and Discovery





Jason Schmidt

- Associate Program Director - Outward Bound California
- Former Crew Leader - Southwest Conservation Corps
- Former Corps Member - Americorps*NCCC
- Former Youth Corps Member - MCC (Minnesota)

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"There are three ways of trying to win the young. There is persuasion, there is compulsion and there is attraction. You can preach at them, that is a hook without a worm; you can say, "You must volunteer," that is of the devil; and you can tell them, "You are needed." That appeal hardly ever fails."

-Kurt Hahn

Outward Bound's Mission

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*To change lives
through challenge
and discovery*



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How to use the Ed Award...

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- Thanks to Outward Bound's partnership with Western State Colorado University, we can accept AmeriCorps Education Awards through their Extended Studies program.
- You are also invited to ask course advisors for information on financial support available from Outward Bound.

Classic Courses for Adults

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Joshua Tree
Backpacking & Rock
Climbing for Adults
7 Days



Bahamas Sailing for
Adults
8 - 15 Days



Blue Ridge Mountains
Backpacking, Rock
Climbing & Whitewater
Canoeing for Adults
28 Days

Gap Year and Semester Courses

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Boundary Waters Dog Sledding &
Texas Big Bend Leadership Semester

72 Days



Oregon to India Rafting & Trekking for
Adults

45 Days

Outdoor Educator Expeditions

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Yosemite, Joshua Tree
& San Francisco
Outdoor Educator
65 Days



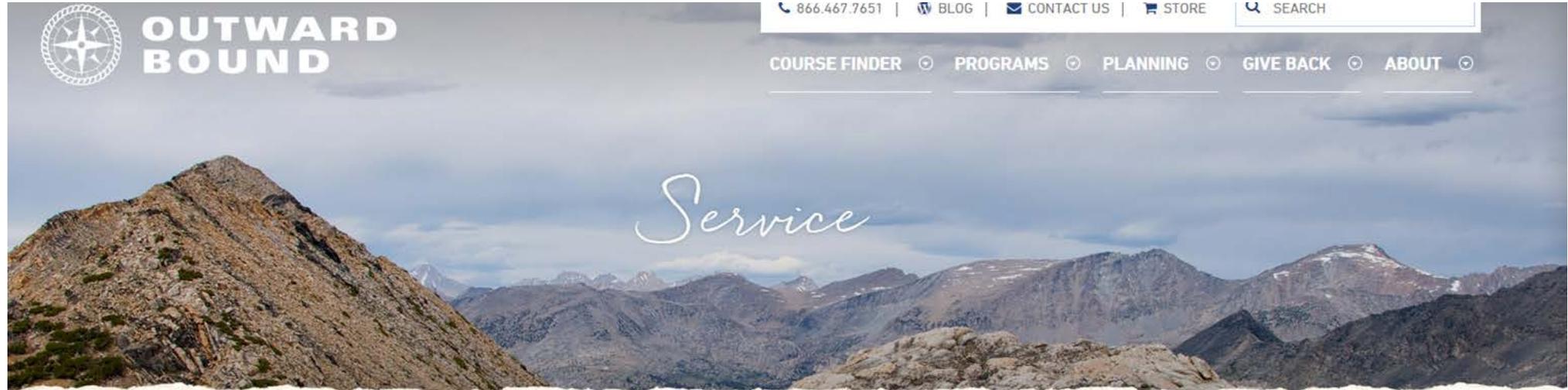
Maine Coast &
Appalachian Mountain
Outdoor Educator
50 Days



Southwest Backpacking
& Rock Climbing
Outdoor Educator
60 Days

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Course Activities

Backpacking

Canoeing

Canyoneering

Dog Sledding

Mountaineering

Rafting

Rock Climbing

Service

Service activities are a cornerstone for any Outward Bound experience.

Service-learning is the act of learning while performing acts of service. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to discuss the role of service, learn about and sometimes see the people and places that will be impacted by your efforts and, finally, reflect upon the impact that service has, upon the giver, the receiver and the community.

Projects may include trail work, a river cleanup, organizing food for the local pantry or other projects. Students should bring any required paperw



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www.outwardbound.org

Using your education award:
<https://www.outwardbound.org/classic/ameri-corps-education-awards/>



Webinars:

- Using your Segal AmeriCorps Education Award
- Managing Student Loans

Websites

- NationalService.gov
(Award overview, list of matching schools)
- VISTA Campus Benefits
- FAFSA- Federal School Code List

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**Dodging Pitfalls when Running a
Community Meeting**

Tuesday, May 22
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