

The Details

Enrollment Options

There are two types of courses available, each offering wilderness expeditions year-round.

Open-Enrollment Courses:

Available to individual veterans or service members who choose to sign up on pre-scheduled courses, attend as individuals, and meet other veterans and service members from around the nation.

Custom Courses:

Available to pre-existing groups attending customized expeditions that can be tailored to specific needs and/or populations

Cost

Free-of-charge to OIF and OEF veterans and service members. All costs, including travel to expedition, are fully supported by the Military Family Outdoor Initiative Project. Additional funds provided by the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust.

TO LEARN MORE:

WEBSITE

outwardboundwilderness.org/veterans.html

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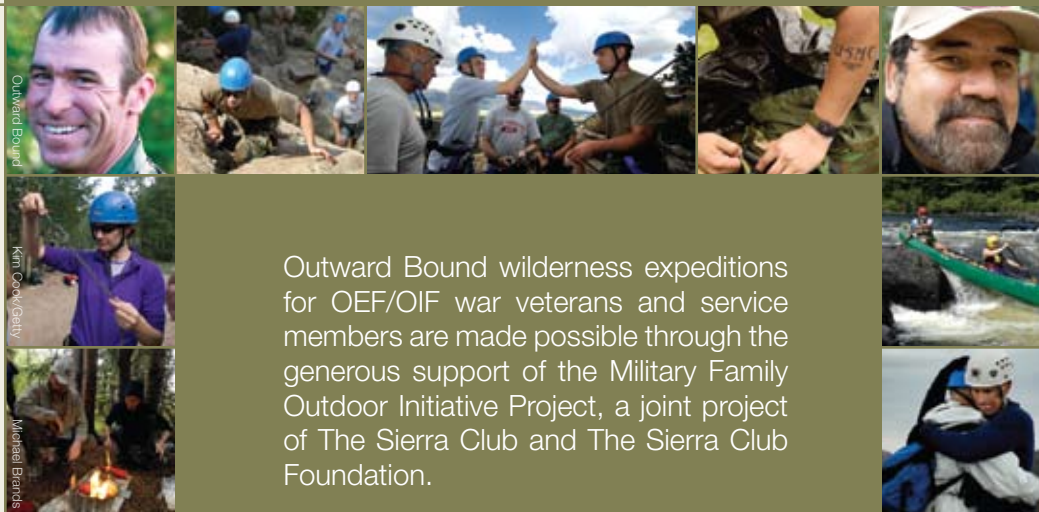
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MISSION OF OUTWARD BOUND

The mission of Outward Bound is to inspire character development and self-discovery in people of all ages and walks of life through challenge and adventure, and to impel them to achieve more than they ever thought possible, to show compassion for others and to actively engage in creating a better world.



Outward Bound wilderness expeditions for OEF/OIF war veterans and service members are made possible through the generous support of the Military Family Outdoor Initiative Project, a joint project of The Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.



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WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS



Expeditions for
OEF/OIF War Veterans
and Service Members

Expeditions for War Veterans and Service Members

For over 20 years Outward Bound has run wilderness expeditions specifically designed for war veterans and service members at no cost to participants. During these transformational wilderness adventures, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans and service members have hands-on opportunities to challenge themselves both physically and mentally while building on strengths and reinforcing the positive aspects of military training. They work to regain personal independence, build camaraderie and improve self-confidence to help create a smoother reintegration into civilian life.

DEPENDENT UPON LOCATION, ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- Backpacking through Colorado's rugged wilderness
- Rock climbing in the renowned Joshua Tree National Park, California
- Canoeing or backpacking through the North Woods of Maine or the Boundary Waters of Minnesota
- Camping and navigation skills
- Sleeping under the stars

SPECIFIC TO ALL VETERANS EXPEDITIONS:

- Build a supportive community with other OEF/OIF war veterans
- Candidly discuss challenges faced by veterans following wartime service
- Develop skills that will assist in readjusting to civilian life
- Be inspired, reexperience strengths and find new ways to contribute to society



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“I have confidence and pride about what I accomplished and what I can accomplish. My ‘can do’ attitude has been re-awakened.”