

Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School

Baltimore MD, USA

The Location

Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School (CBOBS) was established in 1986 as an urban-based Outward Bound program of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. They have since gone on to serve nearly 100,000 students across the Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia region. Their first campus in Baltimore's Leakin Park is home to their historic staff house, administrative building and the city's only high ropes challenge course.

The Challenge Course

The high ropes challenge course is comprised of a central tower with two levels. Elements can be accessed from either level with a total of eight elements. The course can accommodate up to 64 participants at a time, but programs typically run with 24 participants and 2-4 instructors.

Target Audience

CBOBS programming on the challenge course runs spring through fall. Participants include public, private and charter schools, as well as adult team building programs. The majority of participants are middle school and high school youth from the Baltimore and Washington DC area.



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Why LockD Clips?

CBOBS received funding that allowed them the opportunity to replace their clips on the challenge course. They had been using Bornack SSBs, but they were interested in upgrading to clips that were simpler for participants to use and required less maintenance.

Laine Gray, Insight Program Manager, knew that they wanted to continue using a smart belay system on their course. "Our population of participants are not used to being outside and participating in these types of activities," shared Lainie. Because of this, CBOBS staff did not want to have to worry about double unclipping by participants. They knew it would be easier and safer to have a smart belay system that would not allow people to double unclip, especially when they get into their panic zone even just standing on a platform.

The transition to LockD Clips has been a positive one. "The single stage gate is a huge feature. It simplifies training and speeds up the process of participants learning how to use them." said Lainie.



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In fact, CBOBS made a decision to have new staff use LockD Clips as well. When they first opened the course, all staff were on lobster claws, which resulted in a high rate of double unclips. Now, entry level staff use LockD Clips until they move up to the next level of training. Even then, some staff decided to stay on the LockD Clips because they feel safer.

Since transitioning to LockD Clips, Lainie has recommended the system to her counterparts at other Outward Bound Schools. "When talking to other schools," she said, "I have shared that we now use and love the LockD Clips. I would highly recommend them!"

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