

STRAND: Community Service

OBJECTIVE: To provide experiential programs to service oriented non-profit organizations which cannot afford a challenge course workshop.

Overview:

Each facilitator has, as part of his or her commitment to the mission of Southern Exposure, dedicated up to 10 hours of community service time per year to the course. This time is used to run the course for non-profit agencies that cannot afford a Challenge Course experience, yet are looking to develop or enhance their team building or management systems. Some examples of the organizations that have used the course in this manner are: The Girl Scouts of America, The Stafford First Aid Squad, and the Curriculum Council of Ocean County. Investigating the use the course in the near future is the Ocean County Library, the Ocean County Prosecutors Office, and several churches in the Stafford community. Providing these organizations with this valuable experience is part of the way the facilitators hope to repay the community for their support of the Challenge programs, as well as pass along the learning that comes from a Challenge course experience. Facilitators have also used their community service time to do periodic maintenance on the course itself, in order to maintain a safe and state of the art course. By providing this “in house”, we are able to save on cost as well as insure that the course remains current in the area of safety.

It is the intent of the challenge course team to more actively pursue these non profit organizations in the future, instead of waiting for them to initiate contact. If we truly are a community service oriented program, as described in our goals, we must attract the organizations that parallel our efforts to service this community.