

Matthew Grady's Challenge Course Experience Portfolio

This document is a record of the full spectrum of experience in the challenge course industry for Matthew Grady. This document is composed of multiple worksheets, which you can access from the tabs at the bottom of the document.

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Building, Installation and Inspections *All course building and maintenance included here, including pre-use inspections, repairs, etc.*

Conference Workshops Attended, Presentations Made, Certifications, and Professional Associations

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NOTES

Operating Systems

These broad descriptions of the belay systems and design concepts for courses are used throughout the document. These classifications are intended to place courses in categories with enough similarity to provide comparison and an understanding of the kinds of experience documented in this portfolio. When looking at these categories, it is important to understand that many courses are a blend of several styles. Courses have been categorized in the Location section based on the predominant operating system for the facility.

Static Course: Belay systems are made of individual participant lanyard clipped directly into the cable belay structures. Courses tend to be linear with participants moving from element to element.

Dynamic Course: Belay systems are rope, attached to one participant at a time and managed from the ground. Elements tend to be single traversing elements where a participant climbs up, traverses and then climbs or is lowered down. This category also includes elements where participants climb vertically without any traversing. Examples are Dangle Duo and Pamper Pole.

Vertical Challenge Course: Small foot print, complex activities with participants on a ground belay managed by a team of participants. Belays are made over bars at the top of the structure. Little or no Traversing.

M Belay Systems: System of Low and High Course design structured to be used by large groups. Most distinctive feature of this system is twin overhead belay ropes managed by participants in the group where the rope forms an "M" shape with the right leg of the M being fixed at the bottom of the pole, the middle part of the M leads from the top of the right pole to a tether on the participant and then to the left pole and at the left leg of the M the rope runs to the bottom of the pole and then to the participant Belayers.

Continuous Belay: Steel structure courses with static lanyards or any course using a continuous belay systems made of steel. High participant to staff ratios are used on these facilities and they are often high volume amusement facilities. These can be indoor or outdoor. Courses tend to be linear or hub design.

Low Courses: Course is a fixed installation and no element is taller than 14 feet.

Portable: Course has no fixed location and can be moved by one person to be set up in nearly any location. This includes Games and Initiatives.

Clients

Youth (K-8): School age groups aged up to 13

Teen: Young people 13 to 19

Corporate: Adults in a program through a business or corporation

Non-profit: Adults in a program through Not for Profit organization

College: Adults 18 to 24 in an academic program

Therapeutic: Clients involved in a Mental Health Program

Youth at Risk: Teens in a program supported by or directed by Courts or Juvenile authorities

other: _____

Adult: Age 19 and up

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Experience Summary

	Total Hours
Training: Challenge Course sub total	184
Training: Management Trainings sub total	40
Training: Other sub total	0
Training: Total	224
 Facilitation	 22
 Training the Practitioners	 0
 Building and Inspections	 0

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NAME AND LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	OPERATING SYSTEM	BUILDER (if known)
Tango Tower at Georgia College and State University	Centipede, Climbing Walls, Giants Ladder, Kings Swing, Vertebrea Ladder, Wilder Woozy, X Ladder	Dynamic	Experiential Resources Inc.
Static course at Georgia College and State University	Burma Lunge, Burma Bridge, Cat Walk, Commando Crawl, Flippy Planks, Magic Carpet, Smile Vines, Temple of Doom Bridge, Tired Two Line, Two-Line Bridge, Team Element Upper, Team Element Lower	Static	Experiential Resources Inc.
Dynamic course at Georgia College and State University	Four-Way Pamper Pole, Disco, Hourglass, Pipe Dream, Pirate's Crossing, Plank Bridge, Team Traverse, Tension Traverse, Vine Walk	Dynamic	Experiential Resources Inc.
Low Challenge Course at Georgia College and State University	A-Frame, All Aboard, Cable Traverses, Traingle Traverse & Group Traverse, Fall from Height, Fidget Ladder, Islands, Kings Finger, Multi Swing, Port Hole, Spiders Web, Team Wall, TP Shuffle & Maybe a Rectagle, Trolleys, Whale Watch, Wild Woozy	Low Elements	Staff and Volunteers

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TRAINING ATTENDED					
DATE	COMPANY and WORKSHOP NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TRAINER	HOURS
Aug-14	Georgia College Outdoor Center	Georgia College Outdoor Center Training	Georgia College and State University	Liz Speelman	6
Jan - May 2013	Group Development. ODED 2140	Provides theoretical and experiential understanding of the use of group development activities for facilitating individual and group learning.	Georgia College and State University	Liz Speelman	85.0
Jan - May 2013	Challenge Course. ODED 2150	Provides historical, theoretical, and experiential understanding of program and management practice associated with the use of "challenge courses" in education, recreation, and therapeutic setting. Technical skill development, facilitation strategies, safety procedures, equipment management, and program design, are addressed.	Georgia College and State University	Liz Speelman	78.0
Fall 2013	Outdoor Center Yearly Training	Refresh on technical skills, rescue procedures, facilitation strategies	GCSU - East Campus/ Lake Laurel	Dr. Liz Speelman	15.0
				Sub-Total	184.0
Management Trainings					
Jan - May 2013	Administrative Perspectives in Outdoor Education. ODED 4540	Provides an overview of administrative responsibilities and procedures related to outdoor education programs and services. Professional standards, human resource development, site planning, strategic management, program evaluation, and funding strategies are addressed.	Georgia College and State University	Jude Hirsch	40.0
				Sub-Total	40.0
Other Trainings					
				Sub-Total	0.0

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	TOTAL				224.0
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FACILITATION							
DATE	LOCATION (Name of client optional)	ROLE	TYPE OF GROUP	OPERATING SYSTEM	TYPE OF PROGRAM	SIZE OF GROUP	HOURS
Aug-14	GCSU - West Georgia College Softball Team	Co Facilitator	College	Dynamic & Static	Climbing Wall	24	10
May-14	Graduation Event At GC Challenge Course	Co Facilitator	College	Dynamic	Climbing Wall	35	6
Fall 2013	Georgia College Challenge Course	Co Facilitator	Youth	Low elements	Games	14	6.0
TOTAL							22.0

NOTES:

*3 day Environmental Education Programs have 3 hours of Low Ropes incorporated into their programs. The specific dates and times were not recorded. Therefore this is a best estimate for each season of the program.

Role	Group	Operating system	Type
Tech	Youth	Static	Games
Co Facilitator	Teen	Dynamic	Initiatives
Course Manager	Corporate	Vertical Challenge	Low Ropes
Facilitator	Non-profit	M belay	High Ropes
Lead Facilitator	College	Low elements	Climbing Wall
Observer	Therapeutic	Portable only	Combo
Assistant Facilitator	Youth at Risk	Continous Belay	Dangle Duo
	other: _____		Pamper Pole
	Adult		Giant Swing
			Vertical Play Pen
			Flying Squirrel
			Zip Line
			other: _____

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TRAINING PRACTITIONERS				
DATE	TRAINING (attach training notes and syllabus)	CLIENT	LOCATION	HOURS
	Total			0.0

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BUILDING, INSTALLATION and INSPECTIONS					
DATE	EVENT	OPERATING SYSTEM	LOCATION	COMPANY or CLIENT	HOURS
	TOTAL				0.0

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PRESENTATIONS		
DATE	TITLE	CONFERENCE OR EVENT

PUBLICATIONS		
DATE	TITLE	PUBLISHER or PUBLICATION

CONFERENCES				
DATE	CONFERENCE or EVENT	WORKSHOPS	LOCATION	HOURS
Feb-14	American Camp Association		Orlando FL	18.0
	TOTAL			18.0

MEMBERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT and CERTIFICATIONS			
	TITLE	AGENCY	VALID UNTIL
	Ride Guide and Introduction to Instruction	(IMBA) International Mountain Bike Association	6/1/18
	Wilderness First Responder	(SOLO) Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities	5/1/17
	CPR/First Aid/AED	American Safety and Health Institute	5/1/16