BEYOND THE LIMITS is a Wicomico County Public Schools operated adventure education program that provides team and personal growth experiences for local schools and outside organizations such as clubs, religious, corporate, and civic groups. As a challenge course, Beyond the Limits uses an "experiential learning" approach to education. Experiential learning allows individuals to learn a set of skills and gain knowledge through hands-on experiences resulting in accelerated learning and aiding retention of new information.

Throughout the Beyond the Limits experience, participants have the opportunity to engage in group initiatives along with high and low challenges. These activities are led by our highly trained and certified (Association for Challenge Course Technology) facilitators and are designed to promote critical thinking, problem solving, communication, goal setting, self-esteem, trust, self-discovery, and much more.

Highlights & Announcements 2018

Our 2018 Spring and Summer seasons were a success and included hosting 40 groups and over 725 students. At the end of the Fall season, Lead Course Manager, Bud Elzey, retired from his position at Beyond the Limits after over 30 years of experience. Bud’s legacy will live on throughout the next generation of facilitators. He touched the lives of so many students and staff during his career and helped shape Beyond the Limits into the amazing program that it is today. Thank you and best of luck Bud!

Our Fall season began in September with a new course manager. C.R. Krauss, a graduate of Salisbury University holds a degree in outdoor education and has over 400 hours logged as a facilitator. With the work of C.R., Jack Wright, Rick Deale, along with our trained teacher/facilitators, we successfully met our target number of 30 groups with a total of 643 students.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new logo for Beyond the Limits! With this new logo we will have the ability to better advertise and promote the program and recruit additional outside groups. An increase in these outside programs will generate additional revenues and help offset operating expenses for Beyond the Limits.
Beyond The Ropes Course Lead Facilitator Calvin Krauss’s Responsibilities Include:

- Coordinate a schedule for school groups in Spring, Summer, Fall
- Coordinate transportation and facilities reservations
- Schedule facilitators to lead groups
- Promote all programming
- Maintain the challenge course
- Schedule yearly inspection
- Maintain all equipment
- Training for new and experienced facilitators
- Order new equipment, incentives for schools and students
- Lead new teacher and professional day activities
- Maintain records of use of equipment and facilitators hours worked.
- Coordinate mulch delivery with maintenance department
- Coordinate mosquito control
- Maintain BTL classroom
- Attend outdoor training conferences
- Communicate with supervisor
- Lead low and high ropes course

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Bud Elzey
2018 Shape Maryland Distinguished Friends Award Winner
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This is the WIHI girls’ varsity soccer team at the Beyond the Limits Ropes Course. I took the team there in August to improve teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and goal setting! None of the WIHI student athletes had ever had an opportunity to participate in anything like it! It was a great experience as individuals and as a team.
What’s Ahead?
Spring & Summer 2019

We look forward to hosting 30 Wicomico County Public School groups of 21 students in the Spring. In addition, to our in-house programs, we will continue marketing efforts to recruit additional outside corporate, civic, clubs in the Spring and Summer.

Beyond the Limits will also be scheduling a Spring training and certification test out with Vestal Gap Ventures, to ensure all BTL facilitators, program, and course are meeting ACCT standards.