

Head of School

The Outdoor Academy
Eagle's Nest Foundation
Pisgah Forest, North Carolina

The Outdoor Academy of the Southern Appalachians, a unique academic, experiential, interdisciplinary, residential semester program for tenth grade students, is seeking an experienced Head of School.

Our co-educational semester school, located in the mountains of Western North Carolina, opened in 1995 under the direction of the Eagle's Nest Foundation, chartered non profit in 1950. Arising from 85 years of experiential learning at Eagle's Nest Camp and Hante programs, our academic college preparatory school focuses on the natural and cultural history, arts, and music of the Southern Appalachians as well as leadership skill building in a wilderness setting. In fulfillment of Eagle's Nest Foundation's mission, The Outdoor Academy community promotes personal responsibility, self-knowledge, the betterment of human character and a deep connection to the natural world.

The Outdoor Academy accepts high school sophomores, as well as select juniors, from over 227 accredited schools, both public and private. Enrollment is based on the applicant's academic record, intellectual curiosity and commitment to hard work. We seek students who are highly motivated and above the academic average. Our students desire a unique experience of living and learning in a community-centered environment within the rich natural world of the Southern Appalachians. Each fall and spring semester lasts 17 weeks. Since 1995, we have served 816 students. Maximum enrollment is 32 students per semester.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Head of School will have overall responsibility for the management, marketing and finances of the school. Position responsibilities include implementing the established experiential and integrated academic curriculum; recruiting students and feeder schools; fundraising; dynamically representing the school to the public and to the educational community; recruiting and developing faculty; developing the alumni network; and instructing, as time permits. Candidates should have a minimum of 5 years of experience in secondary school administration and teaching, boarding environment supervision, experiential and outdoor education including risk management, community building and team playing, a visionary approach to "whole education", and an innovative spirit of service. Job qualifications include a minimum of a MA or MS degree and readiness to live on campus.

Salary for this position is commensurate with experience. Benefits include housing and meals on campus, contributory health and dental insurance and retirement. Applications are being accepted immediately with questionnaires and interviews to follow. Please contact:

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Please submit via e-mail: Cover Letter, Resume, and Educational Philosophy Statement
For more information please visit www.enf.org
Application period closes 12-15-11