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## Outdoor Education Coordinator St. Michael's Episcopal School Richmond, Virginia

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**Southern Teachers** is assisting St. Michael's Episcopal School as it seeks an Outdoor Education Coordinator who will also be a full-time middle school teacher. The Coordinator role will be the teacher's main co-curricular responsibility, similar to that of an athletic director. The Coordinator will direct programs that currently include on-site mountain biking and canoeing as well as off-site camping and ropes course activities, all for middle school students. He or she will pursue opportunities to grow and strengthen outdoor education into a cohesive K-8 program that leverages St. Michael's unique setting to serve its mission. These opportunities may include weaving outdoor education into the core curriculum, including lower school students in the program, partnering with vendors and organizations to enhance the program, building out and helping to oversee the school's outdoor education infrastructure, and developing outdoor education summer programs.

The Coordinator will participate in hiring, training, and supporting faculty and staff in the outdoor education program; manage staff and vendors to ensure the outdoor education program serves the school's mission, supports its curricular objectives, and meets its standards; communicate effectively with students' families and faculty regarding program details and individual student needs; and manage the outdoor education capital and operating budget to promote a vibrant program.

Candidates must have ten years of experience as teachers/coaches/guides in outdoor education; possess the ability to communicate effectively with students, parents, and colleagues; and be prepared to teach classes in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, emphasizing interdisciplinary learning to assist students in making practical connections between their studies and the real world. They must have a love of working with children and those who work with children; a clear understanding of best practices in the area of outdoor education; a deep understanding of, and experience with, outdoor education program design and implementation; an educational philosophy that places students at the center of the learning process, fostering students' curiosity, love of learning, and character development; the skills and experience necessary to manage staff and vendors; a vision for what St. Michael's outdoor education program can be in the years ahead; and the entrepreneurial spirit, creative mind, and organizational skill to make this vision a reality. Candidates with advanced degrees are preferred.

St. Michael's unique 70-acre Singleton campus offers boundless, largely untapped potential. Among its assets are a classroom building with a library, cafeteria/performance space, twelve classrooms, and offices; a gymnasium; a full-scale playing field plus auxiliary flat land totaling 1.75 acres; an outdoor classroom; a lake fed by two cascading streams; a dam draining to the James River about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from campus; small-scale rock face; and largely wooded terrain with topography ranging from 190 feet to over 300 feet above sea-level. Founded in 1957, St. Michael's is a K-8 community small enough (about 370 students and 45 faculty-staff) for adults and children to know one another, but large enough to provide exciting opportunities.

To apply, please complete the online [Application](#) to become a **Southern Teachers Candidate** and submit a cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this position, which begins in July 2017.