

## **Colorado Rocky Mountain School Teaching Fellow Program**

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The Colorado Rocky Mountain School (CRMS) is a college-preparatory independent high school located thirty miles northwest of Aspen in the mountains of western Colorado. CRMS's average enrollment is 140 students in grades 9-12 from various countries. Since its founding in 1953, CRMS has challenged students to fully invest in their learning. Early philosophical influences include Kurt Hahn, director of the Salem and Gordonstoun Schools in Germany and England and the founder of Outward Bound, as well as John Dewey, a renowned educator and intellectual. Key to the underpinnings of our progressive and experiential program are close faculty-student relationships and a skill-based academic curriculum balanced with outdoor activities that challenge young people to develop skills, judgment, responsibility, as well as a service ethic. Also significant are tasks related to the daily life and well-being of the community. Our balanced curriculum of rigorous college-preparatory courses, wilderness education, and service learning, all in a residential setting, allows students to cultivate writing, comprehension, and critical thinking.

The CRMS Teaching Fellow Program offers the opportunity to become fully immersed in the three integral parts of our program: Active, Academic and Residential.

- **Active**: Involvement in our five day a week Active program including:
  - a) The Sports program (kayaking, climbing, mountain biking, numerous types of skiing and snowboarding activities, etc.);
  - b) The Work program (glassblowing, blacksmithing, woodworking, automotive, etc.);
  - c) The Ranch program (working with cows, horses, pigs, chickens, etc.);
  - d) Outdoor trips, including Wilderness Orientation (10 days), Fall Trip (4 days) and Spring Trip.
- **Residential**: Living and working in a residential dormitory, with ongoing training in residential education. Fellows also serve on a weekend duty team eight weekends per year, facilitate a weekly restriction work crew and participate in evening dorm duties averaging two to three nights a week.
- **Academic**: Mentorship with a CRMS faculty member in a specific subject area (History, Math, Literature, Modern Languages, Science, Art, Technology, College Counseling), as well as participation in our weeklong Interim program. Teaching fellows may also be called upon to be substitute teachers and to cover study halls when necessary.

The Teaching Fellow Program is a one-year appointment. Employment begins July 1, 2012, and extends through June 30, 2013. While at CRMS, teaching fellows will receive room and board, a season ski pass to the four areas of Aspen, a \$10,000 stipend and health benefits.

### **Who Should Apply:**

Individuals with a college degree who are interested in education and gaining firsthand experience in an independent boarding school setting should apply. Outdoor experience, especially in leading trips, is necessary. Expertise in kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and skiing are preferred. If interested, please send a cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to Miah Wheeler, Director of Active Curriculum, Colorado Rocky Mountain School, 1493 County Road 106, Carbondale, CO 81623 or electronically to [mwheeler@crms.org](mailto:mwheeler@crms.org). For more information, please contact the school at 970-963-2562. Application deadline is February 1, 2012.