



The Association of Colorado Independent Schools and Fred C. Church

Present

Experiential Education: Find out about different types of experiential education programs and all you need to consider when implementing them into your curriculum.

WHEN: Friday, February 9th, 2024 from 9:00 am – 10:00 am

WHERE: Remote via Zoom- Invitation will be sent prior to Webinar

AUDIENCE: School Heads, Business Managers, Division Heads, Experiential Education Directors

About the Webinar

In this interactive presentation, the presenter and the participants will discuss the key factors to consider to successfully implement a robust, educationally sound, and well managed experiential education program. At the end of this webinar, each participant will have a well-informed understanding of the

1. Philosophy of Experiential Education
2. Types of courses, trips, and experiences that their school could offer
3. Programmatic needs to deliver a robust Experiential Education curriculum
4. Risk management and insurance considerations they must explore
5. Resources available

About the Presenter



Mark Vermeal is the Senior Safety and Risk Management Executive for Fred C. Church, Inc. As one of the leaders of the Outdoor + Adventure Practice, Mark is located in Golden, CO, and works with a team of professionals dedicated to serving the unique safety, risk management, and insurance needs of the outdoor and adventure industry and independent schools with

experiential education programs. A nationally recognized expert in the field of risk management and safety with 20 years of experience as a senior-level administrator, Mark has implemented strategies that have enhanced a culture and climate of safety at two of the nation's largest outdoor organizations: OBUSA where he served as VP of Safety, and as the National Director of Risk Management and Safety for the Student Conservation Association. As the Director of the Wilderness Skills Program at the White Mountain School, Mark developed a ground up, nationally recognized outdoor education program that integrated experiential education and wilderness skills instruction with a rigorous academic program. When working as a Wilderness EMT, Mark managed emergent medical situations, and with a Master's degree in education, he has been a wilderness medicine instructor and a classroom teacher in anatomy and physiology, and biology. He is a certified American Mountain Guides Association Rock Instructor and Single Pitch Instructor Provider with rock, ice, and alpine guiding experience, both abroad and domestically. Currently he serves on the risk management committees for Outward Bound Canada, Colorado Outward Bound School, and Avid-4 Adventure. Mark has also served on the Steering Committee for the Wilderness Risk Management Conference (WRMC) from 2007-2017 and has been a frequent presenter at the WRMC since 2007.