



The Nineteenth Annual Spring Sacred Path Retreat

# Call to Adventure

A Rites of Passage for Men & Boys

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006



**Experience being alive from the inside out!**

Featuring <b>Dr. Stephen Johnson</b> With <b>Timothy Aguilar</b> Poet & Storyteller <b>David Myers</b>	Coordinator <b>Steve Branker</b> Lodge Leader <b>Andrew Soliz</b> Youth Team Captain <b>Tim Cook</b>	Percussionist <b>Christo Karam Pellani</b> Musician/Songwriter <b>Ed Munter</b> Movement Facilitator <b>Fred Sugarman</b>
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And the extraordinary men who comprise the Sacred Path Wisdom Council.

For more information about our presenters, our charitable giving and the scholarship program, visit our website at: [www.menscenterlosangeles.com](http://www.menscenterlosangeles.com) or email us at [info@menscenterlosangeles.com](mailto:info@menscenterlosangeles.com)

## YOUR FEE COVERS FOOD, ACCOMMODATIONS AND PROGRAM

North of Malibu, Gindling Hilltop Camp, is a unique facility on a coastal ridge, 750 feet above sea level, providing a spectacular view of the ocean and the surrounding hills and canyons. The camp provides a definite sense of intimacy.

This retreat includes nine meals and three snacks from supper on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> through lunch on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meals provide a varied menu for non-vegetarians as well as vegetarians and the cuisine elicits rave reviews.

Dormitory cabins (accommodate 6-8) include single or bunk beds and separate showers. Participants desiring to camp in tents or recreational vehicles pay full registration fee. There are a limited number of private and semi-private rooms available upon request, call to inquire.

### Refund Policy

Cancellations on or before Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> are eligible for a refund, less a \$50 processing fee. Deposit fee is non-refundable after April 6<sup>th</sup>. Full fee is non-refundable after April 19<sup>th</sup>. Refunds will be processed within two weeks following the retreat.

Participation is restricted to men age 18 and older, and boys age 12-17 accompanied by an adult.

**Please note space is limited.** Early registration is recommended. Registration is confirmed by mail. No registration will be held without payment and a completed registration form mailed to our office.

## A RANGE OF OPTIONS IN OUR FEE STRUCTURE...

### Early Registration:

\$570 for registrations postmarked on or before Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. To qualify for this discount your deposit must be postmarked by March 13<sup>th</sup> and your balance of payment must be postmarked by Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Regular Registration:

\$595 for registration deposits postmarked after Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> with balance of payment postmarked by Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Returning Participant Discount:

If you have attended one or more of our weekend retreats in the past you may deduct \$25 from your total registration fee.

### New Participant Discount:

A limited number of \$345 registration fees will be offered for new participants registering prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. No further discounts are applicable.

### Group Discount:

Inquire about reduction in fees for group attendance.

### Ropes Course Fee Included:

Fulcrum Learning Systems will conduct a Ropes Course for all interested participants. The charge for this activity is included in your registration fee.

### Full Payment or Deposit Required:

Registration is on a first-come basis and is secured with a deposit of \$175.00 or full payment minus discounts if applicable.

- All registrants must complete a form • Only one registration per form • Photocopy form if more are needed
- Registration Information must be fully and legibly completed

### Sacred Path Retreat for Men Registration Form

name :	age:		
address:			
city:	state:	zip:	
daytime phone:	evening phone:		
fax:	email:		
<b>Credit Card Info (Visa and Mastercard Accepted)</b>			
card#	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
exp date:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
name on card:			
authorized signature:			

<b>Early Registration for Individuals:</b> Postmarked on or before Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$570	
<b>Regular Registration for Individuals:</b> Postmarked after Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$595	
<b>New Participant Discount:</b> Limited first time enrollment opportunity. <b>No other discounts applicable. Until April 1st</b>	\$345	
<b>Returning Participant Discount:</b> Deduct \$25 from your fee	-\$25	
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>		
<b>BALANCE DUE</b>		

Menu Choice:  
 Regular  Vegetarian  Non-Dairy  Vegan  Other

**Full Payment or Deposit Required:** A \$175 deposit or full payment minus discounts where applicable accompanying your registration form reserves your space.

Full amount of payment must be received by April 1, or all discounts will be null and void.

**No registrations will be held without deposit** • Checks payable to: Sacred Path Productions

# Bringing good men together and bringing out the best in them.

## Letter from Dr. Johnson...



Take off the mask of false masculinity and come up on the Mountain where you will experience authentic models of conscious manhood. Join us in a Call To Adventure. We are issuing that call to boys from age 12 upward and men, who wish to bless and mentor these youths, and in turn, receive the blessing that comes with such caring. This retreat also provides an opportunity for men, if they wish, to work on themselves separate from the boys program.

Share a vision of maturity and masculinity with a younger generation of men on the Hero's Journey and experience, for yourself, a potentially life changing rites of passage. This is an unforgettable opportunity for fathers and sons, young men and mentors to have a unique bonding experience.

If you know a young man who could benefit from this opportunity, encourage him to enroll. Better yet, walk the extra mile with him, so that he actually answers the call to adventure. This time is dedicated to the spirit of younger men relating to older men about the issues that really matter, the substance of the Soul.

At the retreat site, we will commence on Thursday evening with a ritual of intention and journey through a weekend of self-encounter, personal reflection and inter-relationship, all designed to empower specific skills and values among men.

Essentially, we will come to know ourselves better through a series of safe challenges including a Ropes Course and Sacred Ceremonial Rituals. We will evolve as a group toward an Initiatory Blessing on Sunday. The young men will be officially welcomed into the community of men.

If you are stirred by this call to adventure, we encourage you to respond. If you are invested in supporting this important work, you can offer the Call To Adventure as a gift to a younger man. Please consider making a donation or sponsoring a scholarship. It's through your generous support that a young man can step onto the Sacred Path that leads the way to a bright future for him and our society.

"I feel strongly that men of any age who are missing a rites of passage, as demarcation between boyhood and manhood, should consider creating such an experience for themselves. It's never too late."

*Who Will Initiate Our Boys into Manhood? Rediscovering Rites of Passage*  
**by Stephen Johnson**

Log onto our web site to see what past participants have said about their Call To Adventure Retreat.  
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"One essential matter that neither the women's movement nor the men's have addressed vigorously enough is the socialization of young males in the absence of fathers and mentors."

**The Sibling Society by Robert Bly**

"Rites of Passage are a lost art, yet our adolescent boys hunger for them...males need rites in order to mark their passage into manhood."

**The Good Son: Shaping the Moral Development of Boys & Young Men by Michael Gurian**



"Our goal is to help each young man uncover the great person that lives inside and empower that individual to come out. A Rites of Passage Sweat Lodge Ceremony completes this program."

**Andrew "Walking Buffalo" Soliz**

"A rites of passage provides an opportunity for what a boy holds special, and that is to be seen, heard and honored for his uniqueness as he searches for a more masculine identity."

**Timothy "Whispering Eagle" Aguilar**

