

## Mission

To help men to better understand their hearts by creating opportunities for the authentic expression of passion and the full range of human emotion.

Dear Brother,

Once again, the Men's Council of Greater Washington creates a weekend gathering of men that provides numerous opportunities for growth as well as time to relax, have fun, connect with other men, and reaffirm our authentic male power in a healthy positive way. We hope that you will join us!

The Men's Council of Greater Washington

## What to Expect

**This year's theme**

**Looking Back/Looking Forward: What do Men Need Today?**

Some of the questions we will explore together include:

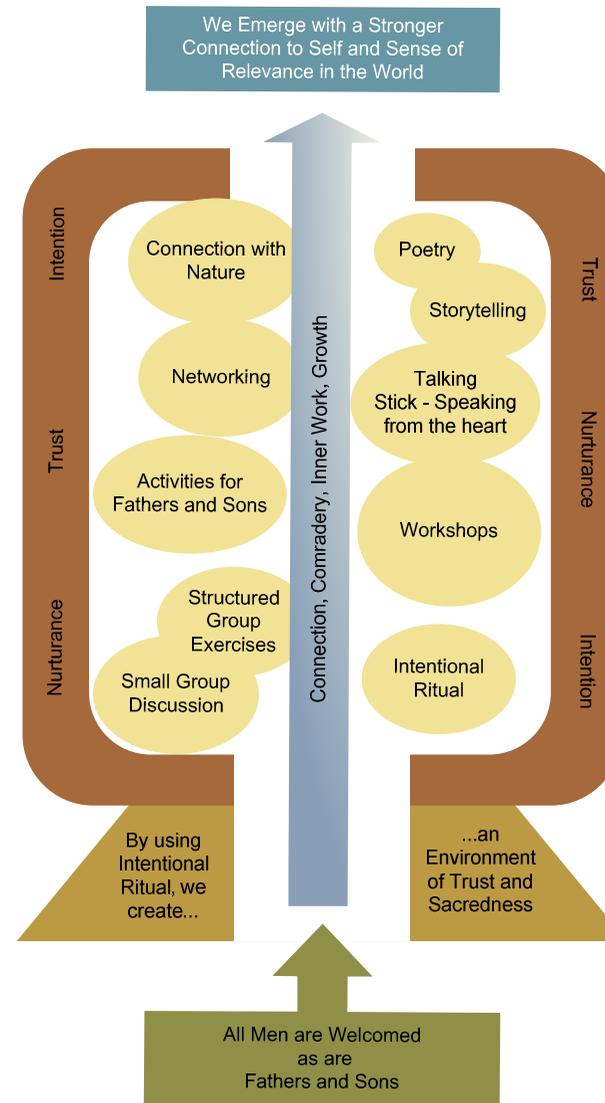
- What is the role in today's world for male community?
- What do we gain from it?
- What might it look like in the future?
- How much of a focus should we put on the healing of past wounds?
- What about developing a deeper connection to our being men, exploring gender roles, parenting, personal mission, internal/spiritual growth, etc.?

**What to Expect**

The weekend will be centered on presentations and group experiences that address the theme of the weekend. Expect to participate in group exercises, hear personal stories, prose, poetry, and sharing of personal philosophy and wisdom – all from the heart, reflecting the passions of the speakers. These will be followed by time to reflect, react and speak about what it means to you, combining time to speak one-on-one with other men and to meet in small groups to process and to add your own passion into the 'mix'.

As in the past, the weekend also includes powerful rituals, opportunity to speak from the heart and be heard (talking stick), sweat lodges, drumming, a bonfire gathering, storytelling, and poetry. Throughout the weekend, the experiential activities encourage us to honor ourselves and share the passions, paths and purposes that enrich our lives.

Visit our website for more details:  
<http://www.MensWork.org>



The Men's Council recognizes that there are many groups that have similar missions; men and organizations that offer other powerful growth and training opportunities, as well as those with missions of service, working to make a difference in the world.

Our intention is to offer the Gathering as a place for men and organizations to come together and share about their work, thus creating a stronger network between these diverse groups.

Please join us as we explore and work to **build a community of strong and grounded men.**

**\*\* ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS (and their fathers/guardians):**

Several generations of men and boys at the weekend provide a unique opportunity to refresh family bonds. Boys need space to play, explore, and be boys; they also need clear structure, boundaries and rules to follow. A positive, safe and successful experience for our boys requires supervision and participation by fathers, guardians and the support of other men. While a man will lead activities, **men bringing younger boys** should expect to **spend the majority of their time with their boys**, assisting and supervising both structured and unstructured activities.

While those bringing older boys may provide less supervision, active involvement will still be required. All fathers and guardians must be willing to actively enforce boundaries and rules. A release signed by a parent or legal guardian for each minor is required.

Opportunities may include playing, boating at the lake, field games, bonfire, face and body painting, drumming and more.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINORS:** Childcare is not provided and there is no lifeguard at the lake or pool. Adults who bring minors must sign for, supervise and take responsibility for the minors' safety and behavior. Given this responsibility, and the lack of any dedicated childcare, men who bring boys will unlikely be able to participate fully in workshops and activities.

## Logistics

**LOCATION:** Ramblewood is located less than 2 hr. North of Washington DC and 90 min. South of Philadelphia near the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. The Camp includes a dining hall, covered pavilion, beach, pool, lake, and first aid station. The kitchen staff provides excellent meals including vegetarian dishes. Cabins contain about a dozen bunks each (with mattresses only) and have electricity, hot water, toilets, sinks and showers. Buildings are not heated. Tents are welcome.

**TIME:** The weekend begins with a buffet dinner 6-7PM Friday. You are welcome to arrive as early as 3 PM; opening ceremony is 8 PM. Planned events end by 2 PM Sunday; The facilities will be available until 5 pm.

**WORK SCHOLARSHIPS:** A limited number of work scholarships are available. Contact Pat Noon for details at [scholarships@MensWork.org](mailto:scholarships@MensWork.org) or (703) 597-3633

**THINGS NOT TO BRING:** Illegal drugs, alcohol and weapons are prohibited at the camp, as are pets. We encourage you to leave cell phones in the car.

**Very Important:** Please visit our website or contact our Registrar, Robert Haley, for additional logistics and other information including:

- Directions
- Things to bring

Contact information for Robert Haley can be found on the reverse side of this brochure. Our website address is:

<http://www.MensWork.org>

## 2009 Registration Form

Primary Registrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

First time at our Men's Gathering? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Requests?

	Men (20+)	Youth (6—19)*
<b>Postmarked by Sep. 1</b>	\$210	\$130
<b>After Sep. 1</b>	\$225	\$140

Price includes two nights, six meals, and one T-Shirt for each participant.

\*Additional youth are 50% Discount (\$65 or \$70 respectively)

T-Shirt Sizes    Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL  
 Youth: Y-S (6-8), Y-M (10-12), Y-L (14-16)

Name	Age	T-Shirt Size	\$Amount
1. _____ (Self)	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
Optional. Scholarship Donation (non-profit Tax ID# 52-1768294)			_____
Total			_____

Send form with check payable to "Washington Men's Council" to: Robert Haley, P.O. Box 544, Louisa, Va. 23093

For registration questions contact Robert Haley, phone 540-438-1094 or 540-967-0780, email [info@MensWork.org](mailto:info@MensWork.org)

For more information or to register online visit our website:  
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### The Chesapeake Men's Gathering Our 19th Year—A Men's Retreat for Growth and Renewal

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(formerly the Annual Gathering of Men at Buffalo Gap)  
 Sponsored by  
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## So, you're a man. What's Next?

Discover and explore the power  
 of men's community.  
 Connect with other men.  
 Share your wisdom and passion.

A place to ask the important questions.  
 The Chesapeake Men's Gathering  
 Find out what Men's Work is all about.