



The Sacred Circle Retreat

Initiation for Men
August 26th - 28th, 2011

The August Retreat is held every year at the height of summer in a remote private location in the Puget Sound region. A Gathering of Men creates during the retreat a community, the Sacred Circle, in which a man is free to explore his full potential. The man who attends the retreat will experience the awesome power of a dedicated community of men who can serve as mentors for his quest. The weekend offers mystery and compassion. Men who have experienced their own Sacred Circle will hold the space and witness the work of the new initiate. The Sacred Circle, requires of each man the physical and emotional strength and courage to push him to explore his limits. The Sacred Circle is open to any man who feels he is up to the challenge, regardless of age or physical limitation.

The August Retreat is based on the understanding that primal communities were aware of the importance of rites of passage and marking the important passages of manhood. What remains of these rituals in modern society is often an empty shell, providing little in the way of guidance and soulful transformation. A man may stumble in his search for the meaning of his own maleness. He may seek meaning in drugs and alcohol that take him far from his true destiny. The result is often a lack of deep, grounded masculine spirit. The August Retreat is based on the belief that an intentional community of dedicated men can provide a sacred space or container for new men to come and find guidance and be transformed.

A Gathering of Men, is the Puget Sound's foremost men's group It is a non-profit community of men who create safe, confidential, and sacred spaces where men discover and explore their authentic selves.

When: Friday thru Sunday, August 26, 27 and 28, 2011.

Where: location near Leavenworth

Registration Form: see back

Some partial scholarships available. Availability not guaranteed after August 10th. (Contributions also accepted to assist others). Contact Bryon @ (206) 715 4499.

Please direct any registration or scholarship questions to the Bryon Hart @ (206) 715-4499

"A man who feels secure in the world is a man who trusts and loves his being."

MICHAEL GURIAN



RETREAT PARTICULARS

- WHEN: August 26 - 28, 2011; Friday, 12:30p.m. - Sunday, 2p.m.
- WHERE: near Leavenworth
- COST: \$375 if you register by August 1, 2011, \$395 if you register by August 15, 2011 or \$425 after the August 15.
- DEPOSIT: Minimum \$125 at time of registration
Financial assistance available. Contact Bryon Hart @ (206) 715-4499
- NON-REFUNDABLE CANCELLATION PROCESSING FEE \$75
- FOLLOW-UP: Edmonds EUUC beginning Wednesday, August 31* @ 7p.m., and will run for four consecutive weeks

REGISTRATION and AGREEMENT FORM

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

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DEPOSIT: \$125 (with signed form). Registration limited.

TOTAL REMITTED: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: Check; Money Order

AGREEMENT: I plan to attend this retreat and I agree to *pay in full on or before August 26th, 2011*, (or by pre-arrangement for scholarship) and I agree to arrive at the location near Leavenworth *no earlier than 12:30 and no later than 1:30 on the retreat date*. (Exact location will be provided in August to registrants).

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to address below:

A Gathering of Men, Inc.
1416 5th Street, Suite C, Box 257
Marysville, WA 98270

Monthly meeting every second Saturday
8:30 to 11:30 at Edmonds Unitarian Church
8109 224th Street SW
Edmonds, WA

