



What's a Gathering?

The Labor Day Weekend California Men's Gathering is a three-day weekend in a beautiful woodland retreat. Hundreds of men come together from California and beyond to take a break from their daily routines, open their hearts and minds, relax and have fun and build a diverse community of men. Each man is encouraged to take part in as much or as little as they choose, so the weekend can be about enjoying life, meeting new guys, and reconnecting with each-other and ourselves.



Kaleidoscope: The Colorful Patterns of Men

Each Gathering has a unique theme as a focus to explore.

This year, within CMG's safe, supportive environment, we'll come together as an extended family of men to acknowledge, experience and honor our individuality and uniqueness. There will be opportunities to look from different views to see how we could connect, create and grow with each other and the world in new and fulfilling ways. Bring the colors you already are and mix into the kaleidoscope!

Come explore the Colorful Patterns of Men!

There's a kind of magic possible at a CMG Gathering... If you've been to a Gathering, you know, and if this is going to be your first time, you're about to find out! Each Gathering offers something new, even to those who attend year-after-year. Who will be there is a swell group of around 200 great guys, mostly gay or bi, some trans-men, some straight men - anyone who identifies as a male, ages 18–80+. We each contribute to the fun, the friendliness and the success of the weekend. We love to share our knowledge, talents and skill, our wisdom and our experiences. We contribute to the community by volunteering, lending a hand to make it all work, while having an often-unspoken collective intention that the weekend be, at the very least, incredibly satisfying for everyone there!

For *this* Gathering, whether you're into relaxing, bobbing around in the pool, exchanging a massage or two in the *Massage Cabin*, or up for expanding yourself by doing the Ropes Course, enjoying workshops or even LEADING a workshop, you'll be among friends...

You are encouraged to stretch yourself in fun ways... cut loose in the audition-free *Talent/No-Talent show*, dance your ass off at the *Funky Groovadelic Boogie*, mellow out in the shady *Kaleidorific Zen-Zone* or get your groove on in *The Rumpus Room!* No matter what your pleasure, you'll be sure to connect and have some wicked good-times in a beautiful, serene, safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment.

When and Where

The Gathering is held Labor Day Weekend, Friday August 29th through Monday September 1st, sixty miles north of San Francisco, in the beautiful hills of Santa Rosa.

- Check-in begins 4pm, Friday, Aug 29th
- The Gathering ends 2pm, Monday, Sept 1st

Basic Info to Attend

- Registration ranges from \$239 to \$399, on an income-based sliding scale. This covers lodging, meals, workshops and virtually all events.
- If this is your first Gathering, you can take a \$39 discount off your registration fee!
- Limited financial aid grants of \$100 are available while they last. Send a request to registrar@thecmg.org.
- As part of creating a safe space for all, the gathering is a drug-free and alcohol-free event.
- The Gathering is intended to be largely technology-free, although there will be an area designated for Internet connection, as well as a few projectors for specific uses.
- In some areas of the camp, clothing may be optional. However, it's not a nudist event. Most men remain clothed, except at the pool.

Registration Fees

The registration fee is sliding scale based in your annual income.

Annual Income	Fee
0 - \$35K	\$239
\$35K - \$55K	\$279
\$55K - \$75K	\$339
\$75K and up	\$399



Financial Aid

It is our intention that every man who wants to attend be able to do so. A limited number of \$100 grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Send requests for financial aid to registrar@thecmg.org prior to registering.

First Timer Discount

We're glad to meet you! To prove it, if you've never been to a CMG Gathering before, you get to take \$39 off your registration fee!

Register and Pay Online

Registration must be done prior to the weekend. There are no on-site registration or day-passes.

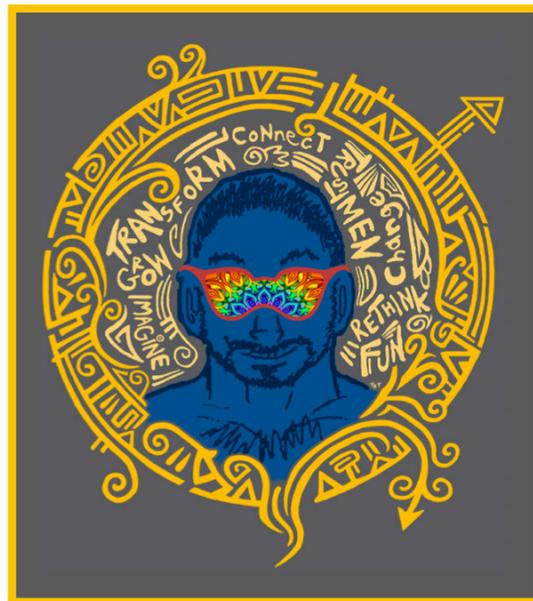
For help or questions about online registration, email the registrar at registrar@thecmg.org.

Donations to Financial Aid Fund

When you register, please consider making an additional, tax-deductible contribution to the Financial Aid Fund. Your donation will help make the Gathering available and affordable to men from all walks of life.

Refund Policy

If a refund is requested on or before August 10, 2014, a full refund will be made minus a \$50 processing fee. Qualifying refunds will be issued by the end of September. No refunds will be available after August 10th.



Accommodations

Standard Dorm - Included

Very basic, somewhat rustic dormitory-style accommodations are included with registration fee. With attached bath, twin and/or bunk beds. Six to eight men max. Room and bed choice is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Housing for Men with Mobility Issues

Accessible rooms are available for those men who require accommodations due to mobility issues. Indicate when registering if you need special accommodation.

Pitching a Tent/RVs

There are no tent or RV hookup options at this camp.

Room Upgrades

Newly-Built Deluxe Dorms

\$40 per man

As the camp transitions to all-deluxe dorms, get in on the ground floor bunking with your pals in these newly built, well-designed, dorm-style cabins. Upper & lower bunk twin sized beds. Cabin number will be assigned, beds will be first-come, first-served, community showers and bathroom. A NICE upgrade. You're worth it!

Semi-Private/Private Room

\$100 per room

Like a little peace and quiet on your own, or with just one other roommate? These rooms are for you! One man pays \$100 for the weekend. If you have one, indicate name of your pre-arranged roommate in the space provided during registration. If you would like us to assign you a surprise roommate, we can do that! Want it all to yourself? That's fine, too. Indicate your choice when you register. These fill up fast! Note: these rooms are at the top of the hill, so not recommended for men with mobility concerns.

Couple Room - SOLD OUT

\$120 per room

Just for couples - Sleep together? These rooms are for you! You get one big bed in a newly refurbished private room, bath + small refrigerator. One man pays and indicates name of partner/spouse when registering. These fill up super-duper fast. Note: these rooms are at the top of the hill, so not recommended for men with mobility concerns.



Private Room in Suite **\$175 per bedroom**

With this, you get a private bedroom in a two-bedroom suite, either with full-size or twin beds, attached bath, open-plan living, dining and kitchenette, coffee maker and a/c. Two men max per bedroom. Suitable for couples, guys who like social time but like to have a room with a door, guys who are grumpy in the morning until they have their coffee, etc... One man per bedroom pays \$175 when registering.

Events and Activities

There will be three community assemblies held over the weekend (that you won't want to miss!), as well as many workshops presented by the men attending the Gathering. All workshops and activities are included in your registration fee, except for the Ropes Course Tower*.

This year, we're going over the top with the thematic *Prismalicious Boofay Dinner*, the *Funky Groovadelic Boogie*, as well as the always-terrific *Bob Around The Pool Party*. As usual, we'll have the hilariously unpredictable *Talent/No-Talent Show*, plus campfires, a weenie roast, movie nights, Puppy Piles, Assassins Game and maybe even a few surprises! Have a snack in the *24/7 Café yo Mama* and hang around in the *HANG OUT Lounge*, the *Kaleidorific Zen-Zone* or super-sexy *Rumpus Room* and meet other men!

*Ropes Course Tower \$40 per man

The Ropes Course is a transformational experience that can make your whole weekend. Develop yourself around trust and teambuilding. You never know what you'll get, but you'll get something amazing! Two morning sessions will be offered and they do fill up fast... You'll always remember the men you do the ropes with!



Workshops

We invite you to share your experience, gifts and wisdom by presenting a workshop. A workshop can be anything you are interested in and want to share. Workshops are part of what make a Gathering great! When you register, just check of the "I want to lead a workshop" selection and you'll be directed to a form to fill out – or sign into your account at www.thecmg.info and find the link to "Workshop Proposal" on the left-hand side. Questions: workshop@thecmg.org

Talent/No-Talent Show

Always a highlight of the weekend, the "Talent/No-Talent" show offers an opportunity for any man to strut their stuff, show off, sing, dance, read poetry, or just get on stage for the first time. No audition required - just let 'er rip! Questions? talent@thecmg.org

Prismalicious Boofay Dinner followed by the Funky Groovadelic Boogie

Starting with a virgin-cocktail party on the patio, enjoy an evening of dining, dancing and groovy wacky costume fun. Whether it's your most colorful tank top, shorts and flip-flops, or full-on retro mod (yeah, do that!), show your true colors and get into the mix!

Bob Around the Pool Party

An afternoon of poolside fun and frolicking: aquatic games, food, drink and music. As always, skinny-dipping is optional and a jockstrap counts as a suit! pool@thecmg.org

Yoga, Fitness and Sports

For you early-risers, there'll be morning yoga every day at 7am, plus other fun, sporty, fitness-related activities throughout the weekend. question@thecmg.org



Events and Activities, Continued...

Massage Exchange

Massage is popular at CMG gatherings. We're going to work it out so that when the Massage Cabin is not in use for a workshop, that there be a sign-up sheet for those who want to give and/or receive a massage. question@thecmg.org

Mustard-Tasting Weenie Roast

Join Uncle Drew on the patio for a late evening nosh of yummy weenies, sausages and veggie dogs, with an array of culinary condiments to drizzle on them. question@thecmg.org

Puppy Piles

Each night there's a hosted clothes-on, no-grope, cozy, cuddly puppy pile of men. It's nice!
question@thecmg.org

Silent Auction to Bolster Financial Aid

The silent auction is a big part of raising funds for next year's financial aid. Donate services and new or used items in good shape to the silent auction – and bring your checkbook and bid high!
auction@thecmg.org



Make the Most of Your Weekend

Be a Buddy

A *buddy* is a man who has been to a CMG Gathering and is willing to share his thoughts and experiences with a first-timer, or anyone wanting an extra connection. If you would like a buddy, or to be a buddy, check the buddy option when you register. buddy@thecmg.org

Lend a Hand / Be a Champion

CMG is always an all-volunteer group. We can't do it without you! Your volunteering is a fun and social way to connect with the other men at the Gathering and be a part of the community. Champions take the lead for specific jobs. Let us know how you'd like to lend a hand in the online registration form or send a note to: volunteer@thecmg.org

Take the GreenBus \$35 roundtrip

The GreenBus is the social and eco-friendly choice for getting to the Gathering. Let the fun begin on the drive up! The GreenBus Fare is \$35 roundtrip, cheaper than driving!
greenbus@thecmg.org

And fun!

GreenBus is cheap!



GreenBus it!

The GreenBus will pick-up from SFO at 1:30pm August 29th, making stops in SF at the 16th and Mission BART Station and near the Castro MUNI Station before crossing the Golden Gate on the way up to Santa Rosa. For the trip home on Monday, the bus departs camp at 2:15pm.

Camp Facilities FAQs

- Most areas of Camp Newman are wheelchair accessible, and all main events are held in accessible areas.
- Vegan meals are an option. Indicate dietary needs when registering.
- Smoking permitted in designated areas only.
- Cell phone reception is spotty. Men are encouraged to let go of electronics for the weekend. Internet is available in designated areas only.
- There is no tent pitching or RV sleeping/hookups at this camp. It's a zoning thing.

Additional information and directions will be emailed in August after your registration is confirmed.



Getting to the Camp

- GreenBus is the eco-friendly and fun choice!
- Ride sharing is strongly encouraged! Choose your rideshare preference when registering.
- Driving directions will be provided to registered men prior to the gathering.
- For those flying into the area, use San Francisco (SFO) or Oakland (OAK) airports.
- The GreenBus will stop around 1:30 p.m. Friday at SFO! (If you're traveling to OAK, you'll need to BART in to SF to meet it!)

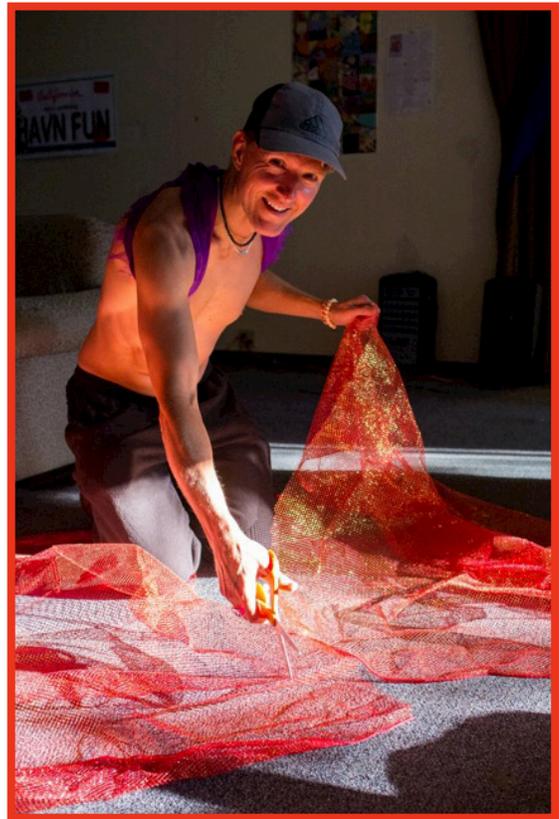
Contact information

Email with questions about...

- the Gathering - question@thecmg.org
- registration - registrar@thecmg.org
- buddy program - buddy@thecmg.org
- GreenBus - greenbus@thecmg.org
- Ride share - rideshare@thecmg.org
- volunteering - volunteer@thecmg.org
- workshops - workshop@thecmg.org
- talent show - talent@thecmg.org
- pool party - pool@thecmg.org
- silent auction - auction@thecmg.org

For more information about CMG's year-round activities as well as other Gatherings and weekend retreats, visit our website at <http://www.thecmg.org>

If it's your first time to register for a CMG event – or if it's been a while – you'll need to create an account on our customized registration system. Having an account at www.thecmg.info is free and easy. Just select a username and password, and submit with your favorite email address. That way, when you register for events in the future, the info you added last time will be kept on file for next time!



Register online: [Click to Register](#)