

What's a Gathering?

The Summer 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, 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 what you want, simply enjoying life, meeting new guys, developing yourself and having a great time!

A Circle of Men: The Triumphant Journey

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Each Gathering has a unique theme as a focus to explore. For centuries, men have been setting off on journeys of discovery, of adventure, of bounty and of hope. These voyages proved to be trying, pushing men to the brink and to lean on each other to overcome any obstacles. This year, within CMG's safe, supportive environment, we'll come together, connect with one another in meaningful ways, support each other and embark on our own journeys!

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. The community will consist of around 150 to 200 great guys, mostly gay or bi, some trans-men, some straight men - anyone who identifies as a male, ages 18 to 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. If physically able, we each volunteer to do our share to make it all work while having an often-unspoken collective intention that the weekend be incredibly satisfying, possibly extraordinary...

For *this* Gathering, whether you're into relaxing by bobbing around in the pool, exchanging a massage in the *Massage Cabin*, or want to expand yourself by doing the Ropes Course, taking in a few 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, strut your stuff in the poolside *Fashion Show*, mellow out with yoga or get your groove on at the *Pool Party*! No matter what your pleasure, you'll be sure to connect and have some good-times in a beautiful, serene, safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment.

When and Where

The Gathering is held Labor Day Weekend, Friday, September 4th to Monday, September 7th, sixty miles north of San Francisco, in the beautiful hills near Santa Rosa.

- Check-in begins 4pm, Friday, Sept. 4th
- The Gathering ends 2pm, Monday, Sept 7th

Things to Consider

- Registration ranges from \$245 to \$410, on an income-based sliding scale. This covers lodging, meals, workshops and virtually all events. Rooming and optional upgrades may be available.
- If this is your first Gathering, you can take a \$35 discount off your registration fee!
- Limited financial aid grants of \$100 are available while they last, bring the cost to you down to \$145.00. (Send a brief request to registrar@thecmg.org).
- As part of creating a safe space for all, all Gatherings are drug- and alcohol-free.
- Electronic devices are welcome, but please keep it private, excuse yourself politely to make or take calls, etc. Public usage may be wholly appropriate, for example to take notes or set up reminders.
- 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.

Sliding-Scale Registration Fees

The registration fee is sliding scale based on your 2014 income.

Annual Income	Fee
0 - \$30K	\$245
\$30K - \$60K	\$295
\$60K - \$90K	\$345
\$90K and up	\$410



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, until the fund runs out. There are no full scholarships available for this event. If receiving financial assistance would make a difference for you, please send a request to registrar@thecmg.org prior to registering.

First Timer Discount

We're glad to meet you! To sweeten the deal, if you've never been to a *Gathering* (local events, Harbin or Spirituality weekend are not the same thing), you can take \$35 off your registration fee!

Register and Pay Online

For help or questions about online registration, email the registrar at registrar@thecmg.org. Registration must be complete by the Thursday before the weekend. There is no on-site registration or day-passes.

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 16, 2015, a full refund will be made minus a \$50. Qualifying refunds will be issued by the end of September. No refunds can be made after August 16th.

Accommodations

Standard Dorm - Included

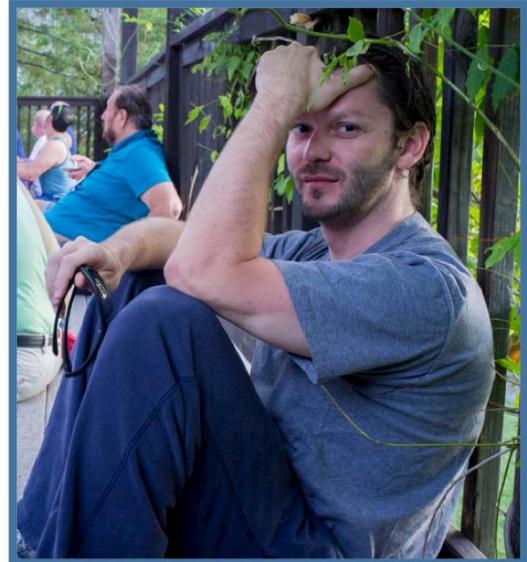
Very basic, somewhat rustic dormitory-style accommodations are included with your registration fee, with attached bath, twin and/or bunk beds. Six to twelve men max. Room and bed choice is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 or RV Sleeping

There is no tent or RV sleeping option at this camp; it's their rule, not ours!



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. Attached showers and bathroom. A NICE upgrade. You're worth it!

Private/ Semi-Private Rooms

\$100 per room or \$50 per bed

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 a Private, or each man pays \$50 to share the room. If you have a roommate pre-arranged, great! If you don't and would like us to assign you a surprise roommate, we can do that, 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.



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

With this, you get a private bedroom in a two-bedroom, air-conditioned suite. One room has a queen-sized bed; the other has either a full-sized or twin-sized beds. Suite includes attached bath, open-plan living-area, dining area, kitchenette with small fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Two men max per bedroom. Suitable for couples, guys who 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 or \$350 for the whole suite.

Events and Activities

We'll hold four Community Assemblies over the weekend (that you really 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 a nautical-theme dinner, an after-dinner dance as well as the always-terrific *Pool Party* and *Fashion Show*. As usual, we'll have the hilariously unpredictable *Talent/No-Talent Show*, plus campfires, a mustard-tasting weenie roast, movie nights, Puppy Piles, Assassins Games and maybe even a few surprises! Have a snack in the round-the-clock *Café*, relax in the Lounge, Massage Cabin or Intimacy Cabin and get to know your fellow man!

*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 off 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 <http://thecmg.info> and find the link to "Workshop Proposal" on the left-hand side. Questions: workshop.summer@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.summer@thecmg.org

Nautical-Theme Dinner followed by dancing

On Saturday, starting with a virgin-cocktail party on the patio, enjoy an evening of dining, dancing and wacky costume fun. Whether it's your most colorful pirate costume, buxom wench outfit, sailor suit, mermaid costume, Naval Commander, an octopus or a full-on Poseidon (yeah, do that!), show your fun side and get into the mix!

Sunday Afternoon Pool Party

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



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.

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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, there will be a sign-up sheet for those who want to give and/or receive a massage. question.summer@thecmg.org

Mustard-Tasting Weenie Roast

Join Uncle Drew for a late evening nosh of yummy, mustardy weenies, sausages and veggie dogs! There's always a tasty array of culinary condiments to drizzle. question.summer@thecmg.org

Puppy Piles

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

Silent Auction to Bolster Financial Assistance

The silent auction is a big part of raising funds for next year's Financial Aid Fund. Donate services and new or used items in good shape to the silent auction — and bring your checkbook and bid high! auction.summer@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.summer@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. Every man who attends will sign up for at least one volunteer opportunity when they check-in at the camp. Champions take the lead for specific jobs. Let us know how you'd like to lend a hand in a specific way on your online registration form or send a note to: volunteer.summer@thecmg.org

Take the GreenBus from San Francisco (and back)

\$40 roundtrip

The GreenBus is the social- and eco-friendly choice for getting from San Francisco to the Gathering. Let the fun begin on the drive up! The GreenBus fare is \$40 roundtrip - cheaper than driving! greenbus.summer@thecmg.org

GreenBus it!

The GreenBus will pick-up Friday, September 4th, making two stops in SF... 2:00 p.m. at the 16th and Mission BART Station and 2:15 p.m. 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

- Most areas of Camp Newman are wheelchair accessible, and all main events are held in accessible areas.
- Vegetarian & Vegan meals can be prepared by camp staff. Indicate dietary needs when registering.
- Smoking (including medicinal marijuana) 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!
- Ridesharing is strongly encouraged! Choose your Rideshare preference when registering.
- Driving directions will be provided to registered men prior to the Gathering.
- For those flying in, use San Francisco (SFO) or Oakland (OAK) airports, and be sure to plan your trip to include time to BART and catch the GreenBus from San Francisco
- The GreenBus stops at 2:00 p.m. near the 16th and Mission BART, and 2:15 p.m. near the Castro and Market MUNI station.

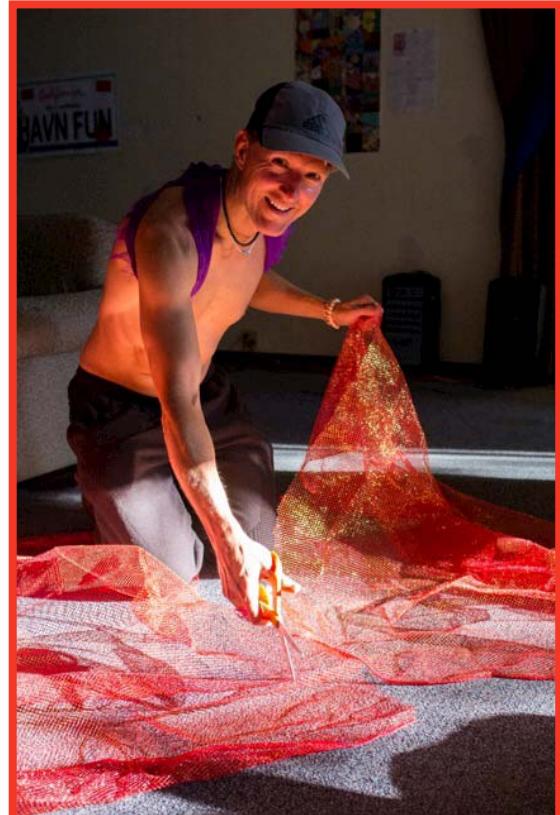
Contact information

Email with questions about...

- the Gathering - question.summer@thecmg.org
- registration - registrar@thecmg.org
- buddy program - buddy.summer@thecmg.org
- GreenBus - greenbus.summer@thecmg.org
- Rideshare - rideshare.summer@thecmg.org
- volunteering - volunteer.summer@thecmg.org
- workshops - workshop.summer@thecmg.org
- talent show - talent.summer@thecmg.org
- silent auction - auction.summer@thecmg.org

For more information about CMG's year-round activities as well as other Gatherings and weekend retreats, visit our website at 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 <http://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](#)