California Men’s Gatherings Presents...CMG 87!

Celebrate your "Shining Moments!"

What are your Shining Moments? Come spend a weekend celebrating your successes, achievements, and victories great and small. Leave the familiar and join close to 100 men of varied ages, and orientations while we play and explore our Shining Moments in group events, workshops, at the Black-Light Dance and our CMG Talent/No-Talent Show.

Come spend a weekend in beautiful Julian, California celebrating YOU!

November 18-21, 2016 – Camp Stevens, Julian, California
What is a Gathering?

Each of our Gatherings (Spring, Summer, and Fall) is an extended weekend retreat where men explore different ways of looking at life and expand concepts of self while having a lot of fun. Some men call them "Summer Camp for Men."

Gatherings are put on by the California Men’s Gatherings (CMG), a non-profit, all volunteer group. The mission of CMG is to create and foster a safe community where we can take risks that not only educate, but also challenge, inspire and revitalize our emotional, spiritual, social, and physical lives.

Who comes and who is welcome?

CMG’ers come from all across California, other states and countries as well. The men who attend CMG Gatherings (and our hundreds of local events state-wide) are a diverse group, varying in age, backgrounds, traditions, and spiritual practices. While CMG’ers are predominantly gay and bisexual, all men 18 years or older are welcome, including transgender, straight men, and differently-abled men. Most areas of Camp Stevens are wheelchair accessible.

Where... and when...

Camp Stevens in Julian, CA is in the Laguna Mountains 60 miles northeast of San Diego; a serene and picturesque retreat. The camp is well known for warm hospitality, environmental awareness, and great freshly cooked food. The Gathering is the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 18-21 2016.
Accommodations and meals
The registration fee includes a bed in a shared, heated bunkroom, with shared bathroom/shower; three meals a day from Friday dinner to Monday breakfast, with vegetarian and vegan option always available. Most of the camp’s food is organic and locally-grown. This is not your typical “camp food!” The food is served family style. The camp staff, which includes men and women, dines with us during our meals. In addition, snacks are available 24/7. You will not go hungry! :-) The Saturday dinner is our Dress-Up event, this year we will have 1940’s themed music, so come dressed in your favorite drag! Or push yourself into some new fabulousness!

What happens at the Fall Gathering?
The weekend includes group and individual events, workshops on a variety of topics and social events like the Black Light Dance, a Talent/No Talent show, heart circles, puppy piles, yoga/meditation, massage exchange, and much more. The wide choice of activities allows each man to create his own personal experience. It’s a weekend to try new things, make new friends and reconnect with old friends. A gathering is like going to Summer Camp for those who may not have had a chance to go as a kid, or to do it all over again in a safe supportive space, for others it is about workshops and self-exploration.

The environment of a Gathering allows for deeper connections with other men and is a special and safe place where men can let down their guard, open up their heart and just have fun in an alcohol and drug free environment.

CMG reaches out to and creates a space where all men, regardless of sexual orientation, age, race, religion or background can find different ways to connect – more openly – more honestly – with less fear – and a lot more fun. We are committed to offering the opportunity for all men to learn, grow, connect and support one another by “Building Community One Man at a Time."
The Buddy program

A buddy is someone who has previously attended a Gathering and is specifically designated to a first-timer any man wanting a little extra support. You are never alone when you are at a CMG Gathering. A sympathetic and supportive ear is only one man away. If you think you want to be a buddy, or would like a buddy to assist you for the weekend, check the appropriate box on the registration form. Our Buddy Coordinator will pair you up before the weekend so you’ll have a chance to communicate prior to the Gathering. There will be a newcomer orientation for you and your buddy following dinner on Friday evening. If you have additional questions, send an email to Buddy@thecmg.org.

The CMG Variety Show!

This is your opportunity to step out on stage and show us your talent(s) which might be singing, dance, poetry or...? If you wish to perform, check the Variety Show box on the registration form. Otherwise have a seat in the audience and enjoy the show! If you have additional questions, contact our variety show coordinator at Talent@thecmg.org.

Archery Course

The Archery course gives you an opportunity for fun and maybe self-discovery in a supportive, professionally facilitated, small group setting. Two archery workshops will be provided at no extra charge.

Present a workshop!

Do you have a talent, passion, special gifts, wisdom or experiences you would like to share with other men? Consider giving a workshop! Workshops are presented by attendees of the Gathering on a volunteer basis. This gives the weekend a wonderful sense of community. If you have questions please email Workshop@thecmg.org to connect with the Workshop Coordinator.
How do I get to camp? What should I bring?

Information about Camp Stevens, with detailed driving directions will be included in your “Final Confirmation” email. For those immediately curious, here’s a link to Camp Stevens’ website: www.campstevens.org/home.

All registrants will receive a “Final Confirmation” email with necessary information about the Gathering; including a program guide of all activities, directions to Camp Stevens, and a recommended list of what to bring (and not bring). If you have questions please e-mail Question@thecmg.org.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is allowed only in designated area(s). Users of medical marijuana must bring their doctor’s recommendation and not share with others.

Cell phone & Internet Service

Electronic devices are welcome, but please be present with the weekend not your life outside of the weekend.
What does it cost to attend?
The registration fee is a sliding scale based on your annual income.

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Additional optional charge during registration

| T-Shirts | $12.50 |

Financial aid

It is our intention that every man who wants to attend be able to do so. Limited financial aid is available. $100 grants can be applied for which reduces the minimum fee to $150.

Send financial aid requests to Registrar@thecmg.org. Each recipient is expected to contribute substantial volunteer time during the Gathering.

Donations to financial aid

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 November 14th, full refund will be made, minus a $25 processing fee. Refunds will be remitted by the end of December. No refunds are possible after Nov 14th.

Great! How do I sign up?!!

Registration

Attendance is through an online registration process prior to the Gathering weekend; there will be no on-site registration or “day pass” option.

Registration is scheduled to close on Wednesday, November 16th. Requests made after this date will be honored at the discretion of the CMG Registrar.

Ready to sign up?? Click here to register!

This link will take you to the CMG Fall Gathering page.
http://www.thecmg.org/fall

“Come Shine with Us!”