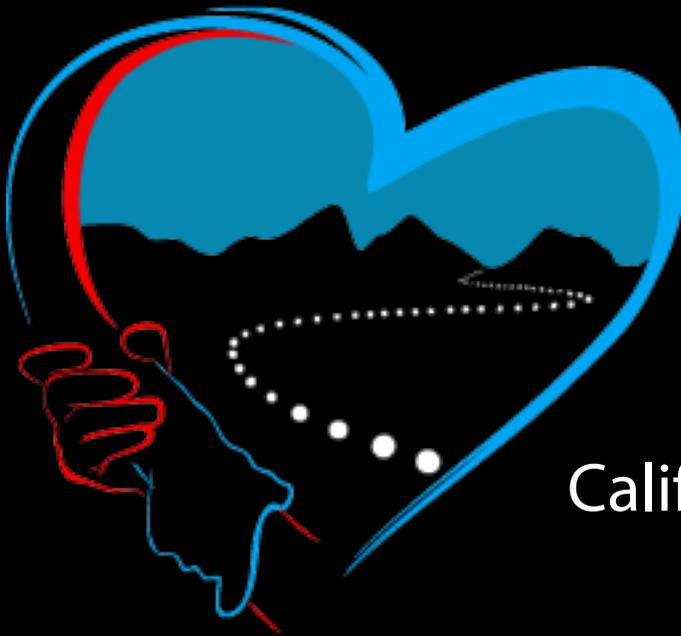


Julian, California

November 17 - 20, 2017



California Men's Gatherings Presents ... CMG 90!



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As we celebrate
our 90th

California Men's Gathering
weekend!

JOURNEY INTO HOPE



Journey Into Hope **our 90th Gathering Theme**

This November at Camp Stevens we will explore how **hope** is the key to our life's journey. Through the sharing of our own mythic stories we will discover how hope provides strength to meet life's challenges.

And in the process, build heart- to-heart connections with other men and forge lifelong relationships.

What is a Gathering?

The Fall Gathering is an extended weekend retreat that some men even call "Summer Camp for Men."

CMG'ers come from all across California, other states and countries as well. The men who attend CMG Gatherings 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.**



What Happens at the Fall Gathering?

The weekend includes group and individual events, workshops on a variety of topics and social events like:

- Masquerade Ball Dance
- Talent Variety Show
- Heart Circles
- CMG trademark Puppy Piles
- Meditation
- Massage Exchange
- Hiking
- Archery
- Star-Gazing
- Games

In Celebration of our 90th CMG Gathering!



Our celebration this Fall means many **NEW** and exciting events, that include:

- ❧ *Morning Energy* (to kick off your day),
- ❧ *CMG Comes ALIVE at NIGHT*
- ❧ *Dramatic Opening Ceremony*
- ❧ *Light Parade*
- ❧ *Come On Down* game show (win prizes!)
- ❧ *a Lip Sync Battle*

...and possibly a celebration cake baked by Pie Curious!



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. If you have questions please email Workshop@thecmg.org to connect with the Workshop Coordinator

The Buddy Program / Orientation

A buddy is someone who has previously attended a Gathering and is assigned to a first-timer wanting a little extra support.



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.

Also, there will be an orientation session for everyone this year. 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 which might be singing, dance, poetry or...? If you would like to perform check the Variety Show box on the registration form. Otherwise have a seat in the audience and enjoy the show! A portion of this Show will include a *Lip Sync Battle*, so if you have a favorite song you can lip sync to - in male or female drag - let us know on the registration form as this will be arranged before the weekend. If you have additional questions, contact our variety show coordinator at Talent@thecmg.org.



Make the Weekend a Success / Volunteer

Each man contributes to the fun, the friendliness and the success of the weekend. Share your knowledge, talents and skills by volunteering, lending a hand to make it all happen. Be open to saying yes. Also, this year we may have a service project to help out the camp and leave it better than when we arrived.



Accommodations and Meals

The registration fee includes a bed - bring your own bedding - 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, free snacks are always available at the "Stay for a While Cafe." This is a great place just to sit and visit with friends.



The Saturday dinner is our Dress-Up event, so bring something fabulous to wear!



How do I get to camp? What should I bring?



Information about Camp Stevens, with detailed driving directions will be included in your Welcome Letter, which will be sent out 2-3 weeks before the Gathering. For those immediately curious, here's a link to Camp Stevens' website: <http://www.campstevens.org>

Additional information about the Gathering; including a recommended list of what to bring (and not bring). If you have questions please e-mail Question@thecmg.org



Ride Share

The fall Gathering offers a Ride Share program. During registration indicate if you can offer a ride or are in need of a ride.

Our Rideshare Coordinator will do his best to match you up with someone. We are pretty good at matching people up but we cannot guarantee it. For questions email RideShare@theCMG.org

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are welcome.



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.

New Guidebook App

New this year there will be an app you can download in advance of the weekend which contains detailed program and event information you can refer to on your device during the weekend. It will be very helpful for you to download this app in advance - information about it will be provided in your "Final Confirmation Welcome" email.



Registration

Online Registration is open now through the Wednesday before the event. Registration and payment must be completed prior to the start of the weekend. There is no on-site registration or day-passes. For help or questions about online registration and payment options, email the registrar at registrar@thecmg.org.

Requests made after this date will be honored at the discretion of the Registrar.

What does it cost to attend?

Registration fee is on a sliding scale, based on annual income. Payment can be made online or via check.

Annual Income	Reg. Fee
up to \$25,000	\$275
\$25,001 to \$40,000	\$320
\$40,001 to \$60,000	\$365
\$60,001 to \$90,000	\$410
\$90,001 and up	\$450

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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 requested which reduces the minimum fee to \$175. Send a brief request for financial aid to the Registrar@thecmg.org. Each recipient is expected to contribute substantial volunteer time during the Gathering.

Donations to Financial Aid fund

When you register, we invite you to add on an additional, tax-deductible contribution of any size 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 5th, 2017, a full refund will be made, minus a \$50 processing fee. Qualifying refunds will be issued by the end of December. Refunds requested after November 5th will not be available, however, there are options provided in lieu of receiving a full refund.

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