

## California Men's Gatherings Presents...CMG 93!

# YOU GET WHAT YOU PLAY FOR! CMG 93 - FALL 2018

Fri-Sun November 23-25, 2018 (the days after Thanksgiving)  
AT PATHFINDER RANCH - JUST OUTSIDE BEAUTIFUL IDYLLWILD, CA



After you've finished your Thursday festivities with friends and family, join your CMG family for the *rest* of that weekend that you can be *truly* thankful for!

With the stress of the holidays about to come after a busy fall, you deserve some play time first!

Our theme for this gathering is "You Get

What You PLAY For!" Our central focus for this weekend, besides relaxing and camaraderie, will be connecting through play. It's something we all did naturally as kids...yet we seem to lose sight of how as we try to "adult" all the time! Well, not on THIS weekend!

Our community assemblies are going to be way lighter than usual, so give your "adulting" a break...and come up to play with us for the weekend! This retreat, which likely will be a little smaller, should be more intimate than some of the others, giving us more room to enjoy connecting in the games and activities and a greater chance to connect with those present.

JOIN US FOR      **FRIENDSHIP**      **WORKSHOPS**      **PLAY**      **SINGING**      **LAUGHTER**

For more info about what CMG is all about (and to register for CMG93):

[www.TheCMG.org](http://www.TheCMG.org)



CALIFORNIA  
**men's gatherings**

Connecting Men at the Heart

### ***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 Pathfinder Ranch are wheelchair accessible.



### ***Where... and when...***



**Pathfinder Ranch in Mountain Center, CA** is a serene and picturesque retreat in Garner Valley, across the San Jacinto Mountains from Palm Springs, and just outside the scenic town of Idyllwild. The camp is well known for warm hospitality, environmental awareness, and great freshly cooked food. The Gathering starts the day after Thanksgiving – **Friday, November 23-25, 2018.**

### ***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 Sunday dinner, with vegetarian and vegan option always available. In addition, snacks are available 24/7. You will not go hungry! :-)

The Saturday dinner is our Dress-Up event, this year we will celebrate CMG's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, honoring the many Gatherings and Local Events that have been offered continuously since 1978. Wear your most festive (or inventive!) outfit, and 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 including a variety show, a dance, 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, or 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, and other buddy events throughout the weekend. If you have additional questions, send an email to [Buddy@thecmg.org](mailto: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](mailto:Talent@thecmg.org).

### ***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 the Workshop Coordinator at [Workshop@thecmg.org](mailto:Workshop@thecmg.org)

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

Information about Pathfinder Ranch, with detailed driving directions will be included in your “Final Confirmation” email. For those immediately curious, here’s a link to the Ranch’s website: [pathfinderranch.com](http://pathfinderranch.com).

All registrants will receive a “Final Confirmation” email with necessary information about the Gathering; including a program guide of all activities, directions to Pathfinder Ranch, and a recommended list of what to bring (and not bring). If you have questions, please e-mail [Question@thecmg.org](mailto: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. No recreational use of marijuana, please.

### ***Cell phone & Internet Service***

Electronic devices are welcome, but please be present with the weekend, not your life outside of the weekend. Cell phone service may be spotty, depending on which provider you have. The camp has Wi-Fi available in some areas.

### ***What does it cost to attend?***

The registration fee is a sliding scale based on your annual income.

Up to \$25,000 : \$230  
Up to \$40,000 : \$255  
Up to \$60,000 : \$280  
Up to \$90,000 : \$300  
Over \$90,000 : \$320



### ***T-Shirts***

Each attendee will receive a free CMG T-shirt suitable for spreading the word about California Men's Gatherings wherever you go.

### ***Financial aid***

It is our intention that every man who wants to attend be able to do so. Limited financial aid is available. If you're a first-timer, \$150 grants can be applied for which reduces the minimum fee to \$80. If you've attended prior Gatherings, you may receive a grant of \$100, reducing the minimum fee to \$130.

To request financial aid, fill out the form [HERE](#). 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## ***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 21<sup>st</sup>. Requests made after this date will be honored at the discretion of the CMG Registrar.

### ***Ready to sign up??***

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

