

Who You Are

This program is both exciting and challenging. We will speak with each boy and his parents to determine the appropriateness and timeliness of his participation. Are you ready?

You should take this program if:

- You are between 13 and 17 years old
- You want to empower yourself to take initiative and direction in your life
- You are interested in identifying your dreams and passions, and creating your life from them
- You believe that ultimately your life belongs to you



Facilitated By

Edward "Eamon" Duffy

Eamon is a youth mentor and has been involved with men's work, ritual process and personal growth work for over 15 years. He is a men's group leader, sustainable environment advocate, world traveler, and spiritual counselor. Eamon has three nephews and two nieces. He aspires to offer future generations a better world.



Harwood Ferguson

Harwood has been teaching young people in Boulder for over 7 years, both in private settings and at Friends' School. He is an outdoor educator, volunteer mentor, professional musician, and lover of life. Harwood constantly seeks to be available as a friend, guide, and role model to all his students.

The Hero's Passage

A Personal Journey

For boys 13 to 17

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The Young Hero

I want to find authentic experiences that *I* connect with, that mean something to me personally. I want to be decisive, and to step into life with energy and excitement. I want to discover what truly moves me in this world, then act to create the life of my choosing around my dreams and passions. I am ready to begin becoming my own man. I am ready to undertake the Hero's Passage.

The Vision

We believe that healthy, empowered, and supported boys will grow into their mature masculine selves, and become balanced, whole, and just men in our communities, nation, and world.

The Mission

Our mission is to provide further atmosphere and support through which boys can become healthfully empowered. We use mentoring, role modeling, group council, and ritual in a modern rites of passage initiation. We call on participants to identify their vision, dreams, passions, and the skills necessary to embody them. We then challenge these young men to move into their mature masculine selves and live the lives they choose to create.

Curricular Overview

In our meetings we will create an intentional space for authentic communication. Group council, ritual, games, fun, and artistic activities will be used. Topics will include: vision, dreams, passions, life skills, challenges, money, and personal values, among others. A model based upon vision, creativity, integration, and action will be continually used to support the overall process of empowerment.

Passage Weekend

A weekend rite of passage event will be a marking of the boys' ongoing transitions. This 3 day/2 night retreat will be a solidifying event for all the understanding they are gaining. Lodging and food is included.

Calendar

The program consists of weekly meetings on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 in Boulder. 2008 meeting dates are:

- Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25
- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Nov. 6, 13, 20
- Dec. 4, 11
- Passage Weekend: Nov. 7-9

Supporting Elders

Jeffrey Duvall, Keith Fairmont, Tom Daly and others connected to the Men's Leadership Alliance

Contact

The Men's Leadership Alliance at 303-444-9022, or visit us on the web, MensLeadershipAlliance.org

Cost

We offer a sliding scale registration ranging from \$935-1,085. We ask that you pay what you can afford and help with scholarships. We know that this program is worth the \$1,085 but we want to assure that everyone who wishes to attend is not held back due to financial consideration.

A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to hold your reservation and assure you of a spot in this gathering. Space is limited to 10 participants.

If you wish to set up a payment plan or inquire about a scholarship, please arrange with the MLA office prior to the event.

Deposit: (non-refundable)

\$100 reserves your participation

Fee:

before Aug 7 th	\$935-1,085
Aug 7 th to Aug 21 st	\$1,010-1,085
after Aug 21 st	\$1,085
on-site Payment	\$1,194

Cancellation:

before Aug 7th full refund (minus deposit)
Aug 7th to 21st 75% refund (minus deposit)
after Aug 21st no refund