

A sound man's heart is not shut within itself, but is open to other people's hearts. I find good people good and I find bad people good, if I am good enough. I trust men of their word and I trust liars, if I am true enough. I feel the heart-beats of others above my own, if I am enough of a father, enough of a son.

~ Lao Tzu



Our Purpose

The Men's Leadership Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring authentic manhood. We encourage and support soulful living in the service of a just, joyful, and sustainable world.

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Details

The retreat is conducted at Cal-Wood Retreat Center near Boulder, Colorado. Participants will meet at 10am on Friday, February 27th, and depart by 3pm on Sunday, March 1st. Fresh, wholesome meals will be provided, starting with Friday lunch and ending with Sunday lunch. Participants must provide their own sleeping gear. Prior to arrival, participants receive a schedule of activities, a detailed gear list, and questions to consider.

Guides

Tom Daly, Ph.D. is the creator and founder of the Art of Leadership Training Program. He is a teacher, therapist, life transitions coach, and a nationally respected elder in men's soul work. He is co-creator of the Inner King Training and 4 Gateways Coaching. He is author of 'Wildmen at the Border.' Tom has led men's groups and done rites of passage work for over twenty-five years. He is best known for his ability to create powerful containers for sacred soul work. Tom is a father, step-father & grandfather.

Keith Fairmont is an executive coach assisting individuals and groups in navigating business and personal transitions. His work is designed to stimulate positive and dramatic shifts in the way a person responds to their inner world, their partner, family and friends, their work and their world. He is also a certified resource for the Young President's Organization (YPO). Keith is a dedicated husband, father of four, a mentor, men's group leader, and community builder.

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Bridging the Lineage

**A Father and Adult Son
Weekend Retreat**

**February 27 to
March 1, 2009**



**Men's Leadership
ALLIANCE**

About This Program

Welcome

In our work, men have shown us how deeply important their fathers are to them. Often, when a man explores his wounds and unfulfilled longings, his own father is at the base of them.

Many times, a man's limitations, his self-destructive patterns, his unrealized dreams, are rooted in his relationship with his father. Men frequently—often subconsciously—idolize their absent dads. They put their dreams on hold, decade after decade, waiting for the love and approval that only a father can give.

Because the father/son relationship throughout the lifespan is so important, we have organized a weekend retreat specifically in support of men and their adult sons.

Fathers and Adult Sons (18+)

We will explore some of the deeper issues of their relationships and look together at their life stories in a spirit of mutual understanding and growth.

There will be time for men to be witnessed in the shared story of the lifelong journey with their fathers. The spirit will be one of openness and healing. Truths will be welcome, with the provision that each man is ultimately responsible for the decisions of his life. Feelings, thoughts and actions are to be owned, and embraced as each man's unique passage here on earth.

Together we will look at our male lineages and explore our ancestral connections. Fathers and sons will take their appropriate positions in the family story. An awareness of this alignment is a simple, yet powerful way for men to appreciate where they come from, and where they are going.

Fathers and sons will have time away from each other, with the other fathers or sons, to do personal work. In some cases, the stories and processes need to be separate, with more orchestrated encounters when fathers and sons come back together.

There will be a spirit of celebration. Each of the fathers, and their sons, (or stepfathers and sons-in-law, uncles and nephews) will gain a new understanding of this most primary relationship.



In the power of council, ritual and soulful community, the beauty of fathers and sons will bless us all.

Cost

We offer a sliding scale registration ranging from \$475-650 per person. We ask that you pay what you can afford and help with scholarships if you can. We know that this program is worth \$650, but we want to ensure that anyone who wishes to attend is not held back due to financial considerations.

A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$150 is required to hold your reservation and assure you of a spot in this gathering. Meals are included. Space limited to twenty 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):\$150 per person

Fee

- before February 2 \$475-650
- February 2 to 16..... \$560-650
- after February 16..... \$650
- on-site payment \$715

Cancellation

- before Feb. 2full refund (minus deposit)
- Feb. 2-1675% refund (minus deposit)
- after Feb. 16.....no refund

Register on-line for this program at: mensleadershipalliance.org. Once there, you can register securely via MLA's online link or print out our online form and mail in your registration.

We ask that each participant include a letter of intent, stating their age and outlining their reasons for coming, including your past and current relationship with your father or son who will be attending with you. Be sure to let us know if there is a specific outcome that you desire to achieve by attending the retreat.