

*What lies behind us and  
what lies before us are  
tiny matters compared to  
what lies within us.*

*~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### *Our Purpose*

The Men's Leadership Alliance is a 501(c)(3) 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 in the Colorado wilderness near Estes Park. Participants will meet at 4pm on Thursday, July 29th, and depart at 2pm on Sunday, August 1st. Fresh, wholesome meals will be provided, starting with Thursday dinner and ending with Sunday lunch. Participants must provide their own camping equipment. Prior to arrival, participants receive a schedule of activities, a detailed gear list, and questions to consider.

### *Guides*

The retreat will be led by seasoned MLA trainers and guides, with extensive experience in working with boys and young men.

Visit our website, mensleadershipalliance.org, for a complete list of our staff and their credentials.

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## *Crossing the Threshold*

**A Father & Son Weekend Retreat**

Ages 13-17

July 29 - August 1, 2010

At a Wilderness Encampment in Colorado

*Stepfathers and Stepsons  
Uncles and Nephews Welcome!*



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# 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 is so important, we have organized a weekend retreat specifically in support of men and their teenage sons.

## Fathers and Teens (13-17)

Fathers and their boys will focus on the passage into manhood—with all its fears and excitement—and learn that their fathers (like all men) have passed this gateway.

There will be opportunity for dialogue about anger, sexuality, the media, peers, drugs and alcohol, and any of the concerns that surround this passage. This will all be handled in an atmosphere of much blessing; without shame.

By openly acknowledging the challenges of adolescence, teens and their fathers will be better equipped to work through whatever comes up along the way. Fathers will spend time together sharing stories and learning skills. Teens will talk in guided council, conducted in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.

We believe the passage into manhood to be one of the most important transitions a boy will make in his lifetime. Although he may not recognize it, a teenage boy approaching manhood benefits greatly from an aware father standing with him. We encourage and support that partnership.



## Cost

We offer a sliding scale registration ranging from \$400-600 per pair. We ask that you pay what you can afford and help with scholarships. We know that this program is worth \$600, 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 twelve 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

### Fee

- before June 17 ..... \$400-600
- June 17 to July 1 ..... \$500-600
- after July 1 ..... \$600
- on-site payment ..... \$660

### Cancellation

- before June 17 ....full refund (minus deposit)
- June 17 to July 1...75% refund (minus deposit)
- after July 1 ..... no refund

Register on-line for this program at: [www.mensleadershipalliance.org](http://www.mensleadershipalliance.org). Once there, you can register securely with your bank account or credit card via MLA's on-line payment link or print our online form and mail in your registration and check.

We ask that each participant include a letter of intent, stating their age and outlining their reasons for coming. Be sure to let us know if there is a specific outcome that you desire to achieve by attending the retreat.