



"It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men." - Frederick Douglass

**Be a Mentor in the Central California Coast
"Boys to Men" MENTORING Network**

Inner Mentor Training, May 21st and 22nd, 2010 near Summerland/SB at Stefan Hermann's, 3162 Serena Ave.

Where will boys learn to become healthy mature men? Are you OK with your young son learning through movies or video games; rap music with lyrics that promote violence and put down women; pro wrestling, Jerry Springer, gangs or homeboys? If the answer is "NO, ... no more of that!" ... Here is your chance to not only contribute, but to be intimately involved with young men's lives. Aaron Kipnis, Ph.D., faculty of Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara and author of "Angry Young Men", who himself was a foster child and incarcerated numerous times, states as positive influences on his life: Association with "normal" people ... changed my core identity, attention of older men as teachers, mentors, and healers, who treated me with respect, introduction to meditation ... and spiritual experiences that raised hope and buoyed me against the downward pull."

The developmental status of young men in America is alarming: 43% are raised by single mothers, 5 times as many young men commit suicide as girls, and 95% of prisoners under the age of twenty-five are male. There are many indicators that our young boys grow up in a state of unprecedented crisis on all socio-economic levels...and it's only getting worse.

The "Boy to Men" Network (BTM), a San Diego based offshoot of the ManKind Project (www.mkp.org), conducts year-long initiation processes for boys 12-17 years old. During the last 10 years BTM has been successfully established in Colorado, Chicago, Minneapolis, Ashland, Portland, Washington, DC, Great Lakes Region, San Diego, Sioux City, St. Louis and Phoenix, AZ. We are working on adding international cities. The program involves an initiation weekend designed after indigenous "rites-of-passage" and a structured mentoring program offers boys the consistent attention of a male role model as well as the involvement of graduates (journeymen) of previous initiation trainings.

BOYS NEED YOUR HELP. Please read important information on the other side. You will marvel how your participation helps/rewards YOU as part of your community.

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A primary part of a man's identity is molded by his experiences during adolescence.

Reclaim Your Teenage Fire

A Boys to Men "Inner Mentor" Training for Men, Mentors, and Fathers. Do you remember your ambitions and dreams from your teenage years? Are you living your dreams? Are you the man you thought you would become?

This training is designed to gently explore, embrace and honor your teenage experience. It will help you understand how that experience still affects you today. It will help you be a better man and a better mentor to a teenage boy if you choose so. It's not mandatory (but ultimately expected) to become a mentor for a boy! This training is open to ALL men. It is a great way to introduce a man in your life to men's work.

Logistics:

May 21st Friday, 7- 10:00 PM and May 22nd Saturday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.* Limited sleeping arrangements can be made at Stefan's; bring your own bedding! Breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday; please take care of your own food and drink needs **BEFORE** arriving on Friday!

Cost: \$200 including one breakfast and one lunch. No food will be provided Friday night!

For further information please contact: Lawrence Rengert 3162 Serena Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013, l_rengert@yahoo.com, 310-926-6221

Registration Form

I, the undersigned, am committed to join the Mentor Circle of Boys to Men Central California Coast. On the basis of the above information I will participate in the Inner Mentor Training, May 21st-22nd, 2010 for the tuition cost of \$200 per participant. The tuition includes breakfast as well as lunch on Saturday; enclosed is a (minimum \$100) check made out to "BTMCCC" as my deposit. PLEASE MAIL YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF PARTICIPANTS TO PLAN FOR MEALS, ETC. ALTHOUGH WE CAN ACCEPT APPLICATIONS LATER, WE APPRECIATE YOUR MAILING IT BY May 10th.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: City: State and Zip:

Signature _____ Phone: _____ I will _____ or will not _____ need to sleep at Stefan's house Friday evening (please check)

E-mail: _____

PLEASE BRING A PHOTO OF YOURSELF AS A TEENAGER!