

Grief and Celebration

We'll be at Tanglewood Camp in Lincolnville, Maine the weekend of October 12 – 14, 2018.



"Grief & Celebration" Drawing
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We live in unprecedented times. We carry grief both felt and buried through our experiences and yet we still seek joy and laughter ... what part of this can we celebrate and how?

Can deeply carried GRIEF be resolved, transformed or even CELEBRATED? Could joy and grief unite to form "a more perfect union"?

How do we go on? How can you help? What or who inspires you? How do we cope and thrive with the challenges of modern life?

environmental woes	and/or	beauty in nature
political upheaval	and/or	politics that works
information overload	and/or	informed communities

Join us, as a community of men, for a weekend retreat of sharing and support, exploring these issues and beyond, providing one another with ideas and experiences for encouragement along the path.

Consider presenting a workshop (90 min) so we can learn from each other. Hands on workshops are always popular, so if there is a cost involved, let us know so we can negotiate a budget.

Contact Lew at email4lew@gmail.com, Carl at 207-841-4625, or Ian at ian04949@gmail.com to discuss your idea for a workshop. WE NEED YOU to make this a memorable and exciting weekend.

The camp is in a remote wooded area with hiking trails and a warm, welcoming central lodge. Some cabins have heat; others don't. You can camp if you want. Fires in designated places only!

Maine Coast Men strives to provide a safe, fulfilling, chemical-free environment which fosters individual growth and encourages honest, in-depth interaction among men. We welcome all self identified men with respect and good will.

WHO ATTENDS: Any man who wants to register is welcome; we believe in diversity and mutual acceptance. There will be men of all ages and walks of life including fathers, sons, brothers and friends. Teens (14 to 18) may attend for free accompanied by a parent or a guardian with parental permission.

SATURDAY ONLY OPTION: If you just want to check it out, come for Saturday only for \$30 and stay through the variety show. Bring a teen for free to give them an opportunity to see what we are all about.

OPENING CIRCLE: Each man is encouraged to introduce himself in relation to the theme and briefly state specific issues he wants to discuss later during the weekend. The Opening Circle occurs Friday night and frequently includes ritual and pageantry.

MEALS: An awesome vegetarian fare is prepared by participants with excellent results. Meals are a highlight of the Maine Coast Men experience. Everyone is encouraged to bring a vegetarian casserole, salad or dessert to share for the Friday night potluck.

Nuts: Due to the increased prevalence of nut allergies, MCM and Tanglewood have a policy of not using nut products in the meals we provide; and we ask all participants to refrain from bringing nuts or nut related products into camp.

THE AUCTION IS A HUGE SUCCESS! During the past few weekends, MCM has held an auction with items that men donate to help MCM stay financially strong as well as providing scholarships to any man wishing to attend the weekend. Feel free to bring an item for the auction and the story behind it. We have had everything from CD collections to books to winter coats and even a working generator. It is a wonderful time, so bring a little extra cash to bid with.

WORKSHOPS: Saturday workshops are led by participants. Past workshops have included a wide variety of topics on men's issues, spirituality, sexuality, self-improvement, singing, dancing, drumming, making the perfect cup of espresso, etc. Consider developing one by yourself or co-facilitating a workshop with a friend. It is a rewarding experience to share a passion, an interest or an experience with other men at the weekend.

CONVERSATIONS: Do you just want to sound off about something or ask a question to which you don't have the answer? Want to brainstorm some topic with others? Claim one of the fireplaces for a conversation pit and put it out there.

Of course, you are always welcome to walk in the woods, hang out and just unwind if you prefer.

VARIETY SHOW: Everyone is invited to participate in Saturday night's variety show by telling a funny story, reading a poem, singing, improvising or performing. No talent required and no performance required either; just be a member of the audience to support, applaud and cheer those who choose to entertain.

CLOSING CIRCLE: Concluding the weekend on Sunday is a group picture (you can choose not to be in it) and a closing circle in which everyone has an opportunity to share something about his experience. Everything ends at 2 to 3 pm after camp clean-up. With many hands helping, we usually get out earlier.

QUESTIONS? Contact Charlie Crane, 207-505-6530
or visit mainecoastmen.net.

PLEASE REGISTER IMMEDIATELY!!

Please return this form with your deposit — payment in full if at all possible.
ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL TO WEEKEND PLANNING

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contact for emergencies:

Name _____ Ph. _____

Total fee (see below) _____ Amount enclosed _____

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New Man's Initiative – first 3 new men to sign will have the \$100 waived. Contact registrar Charlie Crane at 207-505-6530 for details.

Your fee covers the cost of workshops, meals and lodging. In addition to the fee, each participant is responsible for one work assignment at the lodge kitchen, firewood, etc.). The fee is \$100 per man with a \$10 discount to those who register before September 24. Saturday only \$30. In the event that the fee is a hardship for you, call Charlie Crane at 207-505-6530 for scholarship accommodations.

Make checks payable to **Maine Coast Men**.

"By my signature on this application, I agree to assume all responsibility for all risk of damage or injury that may occur to me as a participant in this event. In consideration of being accepted as a participant in this event, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, release and discharge Maine Coast Men, Tanglewood 4-H Camp, and all persons associated with this event from all claims, damages, causes of action, present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, which result from or arise out of, or are incident to my participation in this event."

Signature _____

Send registration to: Maine Coast Men, c/o Charlie Crane,
67 Veazie Rd, Searsport, ME 04974