



Dear Prospective YMUW Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in serving with us at The Young Men's Ultimate Weekend! The YMUW is a non-religious, modern rites of passage initiation that allows all young men to freely voice their concerns about becoming a man and acquire the leadership skills necessary for a responsible adulthood. It is truly a transformative personal growth experience for young men and volunteers alike. Our graduates, regardless of their social, economical, academic or athletic backgrounds, leave their Weekend accountable for their own lives and ready for the challenges of the adult world.

At the Weekend, our volunteers provide the tools and experiences young men need to set their feet firmly on the path of responsible manhood so they can become productive and fulfilled contributors to their community. Our volunteers make the young men feel safe to shed their boyish attitudes, discover who they truly are and become young men of honor and integrity. Naturally when young men and adult men get together, it's an opportunity to have incredible fun, eat lots of food, overcome challenges and enjoy great camaraderie with each other!

Our volunteers are community minded men who know it is our obligation (and privilege) to take care of the young men at their all-important rite of passage into adulthood. Our trainings provide the insight and information to make our volunteers better mentors, coaches, fathers, teachers and friends for the young men.

Please carefully review all of our volunteer forms and documents and let us know your interest in volunteering. Feel free to call or email us if you have any questions about joining the volunteer team or registering a young man to participate in the Weekend. We honor your interest and appreciate your care and support in this ageless tradition of Initiation.

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*Dates for the **South Bay** YMUW are:*

Development & Trust Training– August 2, 2009
Location: Glen Andrew, 2999 Buzzard Lagoon Road, Watsonville, Ca.

YMUW – August 14-16, 2009
Location: Glen Andrew, 2999 Buzzard Lagoon Road, Watsonville, Ca.

*Dates for the **North Bay** YMUW are:*

Development & Trust Training – Aug. 23, 2009
Location: CYO 2136 Bohemian Hwy. Occidental, Ca. 95465

YMUW – Sept. 11-13
Location: CYO 2136 Bohemian Hwy. Occidental, Ca. 95465

How the Community Can Support The Young Men's Ultimate Weekend™

If you are a man, over 21 years old or a two-time graduate of the YMUW (any age), you are invited to volunteer to serve on production at the Weekend for the initiation of young men into responsible adulthood. **This requires:**

- 1) Mandatory attendance at the 7-hour Development & Trust (D&T) meeting to bond with the other volunteers and learn The RIGHT Way™ to mentor/parent young men. This is usually held on a Sunday two or three weeks before the Weekend from 9am to 4pm and often at the same site. Call for more info about this very informative and spirited meeting!
- 2) Complete a 50-minute informational "clearing call" that you will schedule before the D&T.
- 3) Agree to a criminal background check.
- 4) Donate (or fund-raise) \$100 or more to help cover the costs of producing the Weekend (no volunteer turned away if they cannot afford \$100).
- 5) Serve at the YMUW from Friday 12:00 noon until completion on Sunday, approximately 4:00 pm.

The YMUW is a weekend experience the volunteers and the young men won't ever forget!

Men who cannot serve on full production can help in these ways:

- 1) Attend the Development & Trust meeting for a day of learning & community building. Open to all men over 21.
- 2) Attend the 100-Man Ceremony at the YMUW on Saturday night from 9 p.m. – midnight. You can attend just this part of the Weekend and participate in the actual initiation ceremony of the young men. Your presence at this event is a powerful experience for you and the young men alike.
- 3) Join a support team and serve during portions of the YMUW at specified days/times (call for more details).

Anyone can also help in these ways:

- 1) Distribute enrollment and registration information to young men that you know or meet.
- 2) Distribute enrollment information (brochures, flyers, etc.) to your friends, neighbors, family and colleagues who have sons ages 13 - 20 or just refer them to our contact names, numbers or web site. Post brochures, flyers, etc. at public sites or advertise YMUW in other creative ways.
- 3) Donate or solicit donations of resources to our nonprofit organization such as money, supplies, equipment or your time (administrative, public relations, etc.). Donations are tax deductible.
- 4) Attend or help produce enrollment, fund-raising or just plain FUN-raising events that involve and inform young men and the community about upcoming YMUW events.
- 5) Attend, donate prizes or help produce our annual fund raising Golf Tournament to Benefit YMUW of the South Bay. This event is usually held in June or July. Call for more details and schedule.
- 6) Either sponsor a young man or provide a scholarship donation for a Young Man who might otherwise miss this life changing opportunity.
- 7) Attend the heart warming Graduation ceremony (Reuniting the Family) on Sunday of the Weekend at approximately 1 PM (actual time/location to be announced). This is preceded by a 45-minute parenting/mentoring workshop open to all.

Purpose of the YMUW: To provide young men a weekend filled with incredible fun and challenges, while building a foundation for a confident and successful adulthood, through learning the importance of teamwork, developing a sense of accomplishment, and acquiring leadership skills.

Questions? In the North Bay please call (800) 719-9302 or email info@ymuw.org. In the South Bay please call (408) 559-9338 or email ymuwsouthbay@yahoo.com. Also be sure and visit www.ymuw.org for more details, forms and up-to-date calendar of events.

Please share this announcement with anyone interested in an important community event !

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