

Massachusetts Men's Gathering

Fall MMG 45 – September 16-18, 2011

at Camp Elliott P. Joslin in Charlton, MA

This twice-a-year weekend provides an open environment for men of all ages and backgrounds to share experiences and learn from one another. Often participants find supportive friends and role models for more comfortable ways of handling life. Though the schedule offers a variety of structured and unstructured activities in both small and large groups, many regulars report that what they value most about MMG happens "in-between times" and "sideways."

Friday evening starts with registration (4 pm) and a light dinner (6 pm). The weekend officially begins with the Opening Circle (8 pm), a low-key, often laughter-filled orientation that includes a chance for guys to introduce themselves.

Saturday activities include three optional 90-minute workshop sessions – each of which offers a choice of participant-led workshops. There's plenty of free time for napping, exploring, whatever. After dinner, there's a talent show (skits, playing instruments, etc.) Drumming, movement and snacking follow.

Sunday begins with the fourth optional workshop session, followed by Closing Circle, lunch and camp-clean up. Departure is sometime around 1 pm.

Attendance averages 35 men.

Pre-Registration Is Requested.

Minimum age is 18.



Questions???

Call Chris at (617) 282-3521

For photos and more info, visit our website:

www.massmensgathering.org



In May, 2010, MMG moved from Camp Clara Barton, where MMG had been meeting for the past decade, to Barton's near-by "big brother" facility, Camp Elliott P. Joslin. Operating during the summer as a diabetic boys' camp, Joslin has a more private, rustic and masculine vibe than Barton had. Though Joslin has fewer heated spaces and a less cushy feel than Barton, MMG regulars unanimously voted to make Joslin our permanent home because it challenges and inspires us to grow to match its greater size and variety of settings.

Please do not arrive at Joslin before 4 pm. Check with Registrar before claiming bunk space.

Directions to the gathering

To Camp Joslin: 150 Richardson Corner Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
 Take the Mass Turnpike to exit 10 for MA-12 toward I-395/I-290/Auburn/Worcester (0.6 mi)
 Keep right at the fork to continue toward MA-12 S/Southbridge St (203 ft)
 Keep right at the fork, follow signs for MA-12 S/US-20 W/Charlton/Sturbridge and merge onto MA-12 S/Southbridge St
 Continue to follow Southbridge St (4.1 mi)
 Continue onto US-20 W/Worcester Rd (0.6 mi)
 Slight left at Richardson Corner Rd
 Destination will be on the right

What to Bring

- Medicines
- Sleeping bag or sheets/blanket & pillow
- Toilet Articles, Towels, etc.
- Handouts & Things to Share (Workshop Materials)
- Musical Instruments (that includes those DRUMS)
- Talent Show Props and Music
- Flashlight
- Warm clothes and raingear

What not to Bring

- Alcohol
- Controlled Substances
- Pets

**Weekend
Emergency
Contact Number:**
1-860-888-5429
(Cell)



Registration Form

Conference fees cover the cost of workshops, meals and lodging. Each participant will also be responsible for one work assignment (meal preparation, firewood moving, etc.)

If your income is...	Your fee is:
Under \$10,000	\$95
\$10,000–\$19,999	\$120
\$20,000–\$30,999	\$140
\$30,000–\$49,999	\$175
\$50,000 or more	\$215



Your donations make our partial scholarships possible.*

Don't let money come between you and MMG; however, all scholarships must be approved before arriving at the event.

Refund Policy: Your conference fee, less a \$20 handling charge, will be refunded if we receive notice at least 7 days before the event or if a replacement attendee is found.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephones: Home _____ Work _____

E-Mail address (if any) _____

My Conference Fee\$ _____

*Scholarship Fund Donation (Thank you).....\$ _____

Total Due\$ _____

Deposit (Please enclose at least half of fee).....\$ _____

By my signature on this application, I agree to assume all responsibility for all risk of damage and injury that may occur to me as a participant in this event. I hereby—for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators—release and discharge the Massachusetts Men's Gathering, Clara Barton 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 or arise from, or are incident to my participation in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

More registration material on the other side

Registration Form

All workshops are led by MMG participants only and we encourage the involvement of any participant as a facilitator. If you would like to lead a workshop, please indicate a title or short description below. We'll be in touch with you to ask for (and give) more details.

A sampling of workshops from recent gatherings: *Conversations with Our Fathers; Improvisation & Drumming; Caring for Elderly Parents; Mentoring a Young Child; Discovering the Green Man; Active Stretching; Spirituality, Masculinity and Emotions; Men's Belly Issues; Salty Dawgs* (Foot Massage).

Workshop Title/Description

This is only a preliminary workshop form. Soon you will be sent a detailed form to complete and return for posting at the gathering.

In addition to the scheduled workshops, there are always opportunities to create **Affinity Groups** (meet whenever/wherever-you-like discussion groups about a particular topic like *Generic 12-Step Meeting, Male Survivors of Incest and Sexual Abuse, Divorced Dads, Bisexuality*, etc.)

Needs Checklist

- I need ____ more brochures.
- I need a ride to MMG.
- I can take ____ riders to MMG.
- I am a vegetarian vegan.
- Special medical/dietary/safety needs _____



Please complete both sides of this registration panel and send it with your check payable to *Massachusetts Men's Gathering* to:

MMG
c/o Dennis Donovan
20 Ledyard Road
Winchester, MA 01890



45
MMG

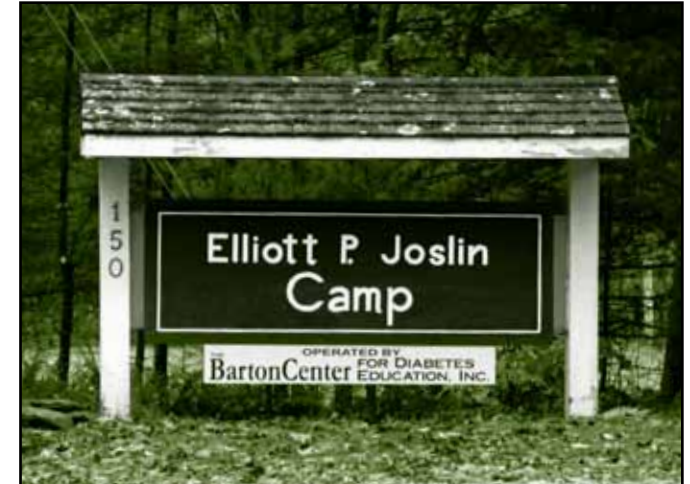
c/o Dennis Donovan
20 Ledyard Road
Winchester, MA 01890
(Address Correction Requested)



Check out our updated website and blog at
www.massmensgathering.org

2011

Massachusetts Men's Gathering



Fall MMG 45 – September 16-18, 2011

at Camp Elliott P. Joslin
150 Richardson Corner Road
Charlton, MA 01507

Also planned for Camp Elliott P. Joslin
MMG 46 – June 1-3, 2012
MMG 47 – September 21-23, 2012

www.massmensgathering.org