

# Pathways to Manhood

## April 6th - 11th 2010

**5 days and 5 nights supporting teenage boys  
forge an inspired manhood**

### **Boys need a Powerful Transition to Manhood**

Your teenage boy is engaged in the most exciting and challenging time of his life. He is forging his own identity at the same time entering into a territory of risk and danger involving peer pressure, loneliness, drugs, cars, alcohol, pregnancy, and violence. Without contact with good men he runs the risk of building a male identity on superficial images borrowed from media heroes. Because of this he needs male involvement in his life more than ever.

**Pathways to Manhood** is a programme to help men join with others to create an experience for the young men they care about to grow safely and true to themselves. Now in its eighth year, it is an exciting inner and outer adventure over five days. Located in a remote coastal setting north of Auckland, Pathways has grown out of Essentially Men's decades of experience with adult men.

- \* 5 days of inspiring time connecting your boy's awareness of what's in his heart to what is right for himself.
- \* 5 days in a strong community of positive role models helping boys be respectful, mature and confident.
- \* 5 nights of fireside learning from the experiences of elders and peers about steps to avoid and positive steps to take in life.

For boys 13 - 15 years old and the significant men in their lives

*"Since pathways I have become a better leader and I make better decisions about my life and what I do"*



### **To the boys**

Pathways will help you because it will build your self confidence and uncover your unique talents.

You will come to know your strengths, qualities, and potential in a new way. You will be encouraged by the men to trust your heart, find your voice, and make good choices. Because of this you will be more confident to stand in the world on your own two feet. You will also have a lot of fun!

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## To the men

At his age your young man needs your involvement and trust more than ever. You may feel he wants to push against you and ignore what you have to offer, when really he has a need to forge his own way in the world and test himself, and needs you to understand him and support him in this. The requirement for you is simple: show up and be real, because what you have to offer is how you are. All you need to be able to do is share yourself from the heart. We will help you with the rest.



Expect an exciting process of self-discovery for yourself as well as your young man, and to become a lot closer and mutually respectful with your young man, and expect to have fun. All boys will attend with a significant male (e.g. father, uncle, stepfather, grandfather, family friend, mentor) and men attend not only for the boy they come with, but for all the boys there.



## To the mothers

We honour your commitment and love in raising a fine young man. It is in support of those efforts we created **Pathways** to stand with you, as a **community of men**, offering a space and experience for your son to step towards. Your support for this programme is important. We recognise it is a big step and we are respectful of the place you play and will continue to play in his life. We invite you to participate in a returning home ceremony on the last day to help you support the changes going on for your young man.

## What happens

The campsite is near a forest, beach and lake. There will be a balance of risk and safety, challenge and adventure, through activities carefully designed to build confidence and extend comfort zones.

**Pathways** is guided by an experienced team of men including Rex McCann, Ron Hepworth, Richard Postel, Tony French, Cameron Robinson, Matthew Coburn, Michael Matthews and Nicholas van Oldenborgh, and is supported by men from the Essentially Men Network.

**Essentially Men Education Trust** events aim to connect and inspire men, and support their involvement with families, loved ones and communities, and be more in touch with their contribution to the common good.

## Pathways to Manhood

**Cost: \$1295 - \$895 for two (man and boy), sliding scale, pay according to your means.** Payment plans available. There are a limited number of subsidised places available. Please speak to us if the cost is prohibitive for you and we will work to find a solution.

There are a limited number of subsidised places available. Registration: Send form and payment to: Pathways to Manhood

13 Maidstone Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Cheques made out to Essentially Men Education Trust

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Yes Please register us for Pathways to Manhood 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Young man's name and relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if he doesn't live with you: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date of young man: / /19 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name and Contact Details (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

Ph Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT DETAILS - Cheques to: Essentially Men Education Trust, I enclose:

Deposit \$50 Full payment \$1295 - \$895 for two, sliding scale, pay according to means.