

CIRCLES OF MEN V • PARTICIPANT PREPARATION INFO.

Welcome to COM V. Get ready for fun, food, fire, sharing with men in bay area men's circles. The program is designed to bring to life this year's theme: "Young Men and Old Men: The Gifts We Give Each Other."

Circles of Men V

Check-in Friday April 3rd, 2-8 PM, 6pm Sweat lodge (optional)

Or Check-in Saturday June 4th, check-in 7-9 AM

Ends Sunday June 5th, 2:30 PM

Boy Scouts of America Boulder Creek Scout Reservation

250 Scout Ranch Rd, Boulder Creek, CA (near Santa Cruz)

Items you NEED to bring:

- **ALL YOUR DRINKING WATER**, 2 gallons of water per man. **Water is limited!!**
- **YOUR PERSONAL MESS KIT** (plate, bowl, cup, utensils)
- If you are planning to come Friday, please bring two blankets that can be used for the sweat lodge. They should be of natural fiber, not synthetic materials.
- Clothing for warm or wet / cold weather... sunscreen, hat.
- Shoes / boots you can run around in the mud and woods with.
- Camping equipment including tent, tarp, sleeping pad and bag.
- Flashlight
- Toiletries, medications, tick repellent
- A folding chair

Items you may WANT to bring:

- Drum or musical instrument
- Camera
- Quality cigars
- Personal snacks
- Your humorous answer to "What is the difference between a young man and an old man?"

Items you should NOT bring:

- Weapons or firearms of any kind
- Fireworks or explosives
- Alcohol or recreational drugs
- Pets.

NOTE: Do you have a **4-wheel-drive vehicle**? We need you to help transport gear 1.7 miles on a mt. road to the COM V site. Please volunteer – contact Paul Sable, Transportation Mgr, 831-345-3540, paul@sablestudios.com.

NOTE: If you have medical issues, like severe allergic reactions or diabetes, carry your medications on you. Take responsibility for your safety and care.

DIRECTIONS TO BOULDER CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION

Directions:

Carpooling is Encouraged. Parking is limited. Hook up with men in your area. 4WD vehicles needed for transportation – and they get to park closer to the site!

Head South on 880, which becomes highway 17 in San Jose. Continue past Los Gatos a couple miles and turn right (west) onto Bear Creek Rd.

BCSR is off of Bear Creek Road, 1+ miles east of highway 9 and 11.7 miles west of highway 17 (about 25 minutes – see map below). There's a large wooden sign at the entrance where you turn south off of Bear Creek Road onto Scout Ranch Road. You turn from Bear Creek Rd. to the South onto Scout Ranch Rd. Go down the drive, over the bridge to the parking lot and you will be greeted by the registration and transportation teams.

To get from the parking lot to our COM V site, which is 1.7 miles on a hilly unpaved road

- Walk, if you are capable. It takes 30-45 minutes. Leave your gear in a designated place to be taken to the site by vehicle, unless you want to carry it in yourself.
- If you are not capable of walking in, then you will be taken in by vehicle AND you will be assigned to an evacuation vehicle in case we need to evacuate the site.

Questions? Contact Andy Rado, 510-663-2105, andy@andrewrado.com

MAP OF THE AREA. THE BOULDER CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION ENTRANCE ROAD IS MARKED "B".

