

24th Annual Minnesota Men's Conference
Registration Form — Sept. 30 thru Oct. 5

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Conference Cost (includes lodging and meals):

Adult men \$750 Registration deposit: \$150

Young men (Ages 13-20) \$400 Registration deposit: \$75

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Please consider a donation to the **Scholarship Fund** _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

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Attendance will be limited to 90 adult men and 30 young men.

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After your registration is received, a confirmation letter with conference details will be sent. For out-of-town guests, a charter bus will be available to transport you between the camp and the Twin Cities airport.

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Camp Miller, Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota

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There has been tremendous pressure these last years to regard selfishness as the normal way, perhaps, the American Way. Big money interests get what they want, many suffer — especially the jobless, the children and the returning veterans.

It would be good for grown men to imagine what a more unselfish road would look like. There needs to be discussion - in what way do men encourage each other to be selfish? How can we change that habit? What might be a way to begin? — *Robert Bly*

"If the rivers of the World were spun of pure silver, and the leaves pure gold, Finn would have given them all away." — Finn Mac Uail

This is a good year to all come together. What a blessing it is to have so many great teachers returning this year.

Danny Deardorff and Martin Shaw, with their great love of old stories and myths, will bring us tales about Rekindling the Fiery Horses of Generosity through the Waters of Longing.

Malidoma Some and Miguel Rivera, whose voices are deeply rooted in the indigenous world of Nature, will talk to us about what happens when we become disconnected from that generous source.

Tom Gambell, with his compassionate, open-hearted Aikido, and Doug Von Koss, with his arrows of love songs, will courageously lead us to break down the Dungeon Walls of Selfishness.

Robert Bly and Haki Madhubuti, great lovers of the spoken word, fierce and outspoken defenders of social injustices and life long friends join together once again to encourage and harangue us, as only true elders can, towards the righteous path of Unselfish Way.

Recommended Books:

Robert Bly: *My Sentence Was a Thousand Years of Joy; The Sibling Society; The Insanity of Empire; The Winged Energy of Delight*
Malidoma Somé: *Of Water and Spirit; The Healing Wisdom of Africa.*
Daniel Deardorff: *The Other Within*
Haki Madhubuti: *Yellow Black: The First Twenty-One Years of a Poet's Life*
Martin Shaw: *A Branch From The Lightning Tree*

Conference History

The Minnesota Men's Conference was started by Robert Bly in 1984. This was shortly after the interview between Keith Thompson and Robert Bly called "What Do Men Really Want?" This first conference, as well as all the ones following have included the telling of old stories, the gifts of poetry, making music together and opening our hearts to grief, which sometimes appears when men who trust each other gather together for a few days.

This conference has been blessed with many fine teachers such as Etheridge Knight, James Hillman, Michael Meade, and Terry Dobson in the 1980's. Aaron Kipnis, John Lee and Robert Moore joined us in the 1990's. In 1993 with the addition of Malidoma Somé, Miguel Rivera, Haki Madhubuti and Martín Prechtel, the conference moved towards a richer diversity of thought and a deeper connection to our ancestors. In the last few years we have begun to ask that men who have been given the honey of the old stories and soul teaching give some of this sweetness back to younger men. We are asking all the men to reach back toward young men—both the fathered and the fatherless—and to work out rituals and ways of communication in order to offer to the younger men what the culture as whole does not.

Conference Site

This years conference will be held once again at Camp Miller, a beautiful YMCA camp on 100+ acres of woods, fields and waterfront, on Sturgeon Lake 100 miles north of the Twin Cities. The cabins, dining room and main meeting lodge are a combination of rustic and modern. The camp staff are superb, the food is excellent and the sauna is always hot!

Scholarship Fund

The Minnesota Men's Conference is supported entirely by participant fees and individual donations to the scholarship fund. Help reach out to a young man by sponsoring him to this year's conference. Please consider a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or a full scholarship.

For more information:

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Additional Website Links:

Robert Bly— www.robertbly.com
Malidoma Somé— www.malidoma.com
Haki Madhubuti — aalbc.com/authors/haki.htm
Tom Gambell— www.eastbayaikido.com
Daniel Deardorff— www.mythsinger.com
Martin Shaw— www.stalkingtherebelsoul.com
Doug von Koss— www.dougvonkoss.com

The Teachers



Robert Bly, internationally recognized and award-winning author and poet, helped found the modern men's movement. He has taught men how to create a home for what is best in them. He inspires both men and women to lead a life of intensity and beauty that brings them together into community.



Malidoma Somé, village elder and author, comes to us from the Dagara Tribe of West Africa. He an astonishing teacher, able to bring in ideas almost unheard of in the West. His first book was *Of Water and The Spirit*, and his latest book is *The Healing Wisdom of Africa*.



Haki Madhubuti serves as a pivotal figure in the development of a strong Black literary tradition, emerging from the era of the sixties and continuing to the present. As poet, editor, and educator, he has published 24 books and is one of the world's best-selling authors of poetry and non-fiction.



Miguel Rivera, a musician and drummer, is a man who is in love with the language of sound. A regular teacher at this conference since 1993, it is always an honor to have Miguel teach drumming, reading poetry, and grounding the conference with ritual space and ceremony.



Tom Gambell, a 6th Degree Black Belt, has taught Aikido for over 30 years, and is the Chief Instructor of East Bay Aikido in Oakland, CA. He teaches that once the principles of Aikido are embodied, they become a source of strength and guidance in everyday living.



Daniel Deardorff is a gifted singer, musician, and storyteller. He returns to the conference bringing in the luminous mythological. Deardorff carries mysteries into a new place. The place is nourishing, startling and full of intelligence.



Martin Shaw is a storyteller, musician & Rites-of-Passage teacher. He presides over an astonishing flow of language, which pulls with it much time in the wilderness. Owls and stags live here. He is talking about experiencing ancient myths in a new way.



Doug von Koss joyously returns again this year to lead early morning chanting. Many participants return to this conference just to begin each day in "one voice" under his guidance. He teaches the vowel sounds as well as chants from the Near East and the West.