

# 23rd Annual Minnesota Men's Conference

## September 4th-9th, 2007 Registration Form

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Keeping Our Feet  
on Human Ground

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**Conference Cost** (includes lodging and meals):

**Adult men** \$700 Registration deposit: \$150

**Young men** (Ages 13-20) \$375 Registration deposit: \$75

(Refund Policy: All Deposits Refundable until August 1st, less \$30 handling fee, after August 1st all deposits are non-refundable Balance of fee Refundable until August 25th less \$30 handling fee, after August 25th all fees are non-refundable)

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

Fax or mail this completed form to 860-923-1896 or the address below:

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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. **For more information** about the bus cost, arrival and departure times, or for more details, please check our web site <http://www.hiddenwine.com>, e-mail [hiddenwine@earthlink.net](mailto:hiddenwine@earthlink.net) or call Craig Ungerman at HiddenWine:

**877-333-3136** (toll-free within the US), or 860-923-6987

# Keeping Our Feet on Human Ground

There is much uncertainty and unease these days, and those feelings are appropriate. But we also need to keep our feet on the ground so we won't be blown over or blown into the air.

**Malidoma Somé** will lead a fire ritual this year. And **Robert Moore** will lecture us on the bearding of the dragon and the fearfulness of being grandiose.

A new teacher, **Eric Larsen** will be with us for the first time. He is the author of *A Nation Gone Blind*, a tough book about public lies and our longing for them.

**Robert Bly** will offer some of his new poems and recent translations of Hafez. **Daniel Deardorff** will give us wild stories and some singing. **Jay Leeming**, **Thomas R. Smith**, and **Timothy Young** will lead their afternoon poetry workshop. **Tom Gambell** will teach Aikido. **Miguel Rivera** will bring drumming and ritual, and **Doug von Koss** his amazing early morning singing and all-day joy.

Please join us at this conference where we look forward to being together for a week with old friends and new ones!

## For more information:

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## 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,