

The 2012 Montana Men's Gathering
FACILITATORS

For over two decades, **Matthew Marsolek** has been facilitating men's gatherings in Montana and Canada. He has led numerous events with Drum Brothers, sharing music and rhythm with a variety of groups including at-risk youth, bereaved children, cancer survivors, and students of all ages. In addition to his contagious enthusiasm and a passion for rhythm and sound, he brings a wealth of experience in team building, group dynamics, and ritual making. When in intimate community, Matthew is adept at perceiving the energy and potential within the group and offering experiential activities to facilitate awareness and interpersonal growth. Over the years, he has co-facilitated with Greg Jahn, Timothy Tate, Patrick Marsolek, and Michael Meade, among others, and he continues the tradition of mentoring younger men.



*Matthew
Marsolek*

Neil Egan has been participating in and helping to organize men's gatherings since 1984. He has been on the leadership team for the Montana Men's Foundation bringing communication skills/practice, movement, dance and sweat lodge to the gatherings. Along with Timothy Tate, Greg Jahn and Matthew Marsolek, Neil co-facilitated a retreat for teenage boys at the Blacktail in 1996, and helped build the hogan, our energetic center at the ranch. A Montana native, Neil is currently living in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he is one of the founders and active leaders of Boys To Men Mentoring NM. This program supports and mentors boys on the journey to being Good Men.

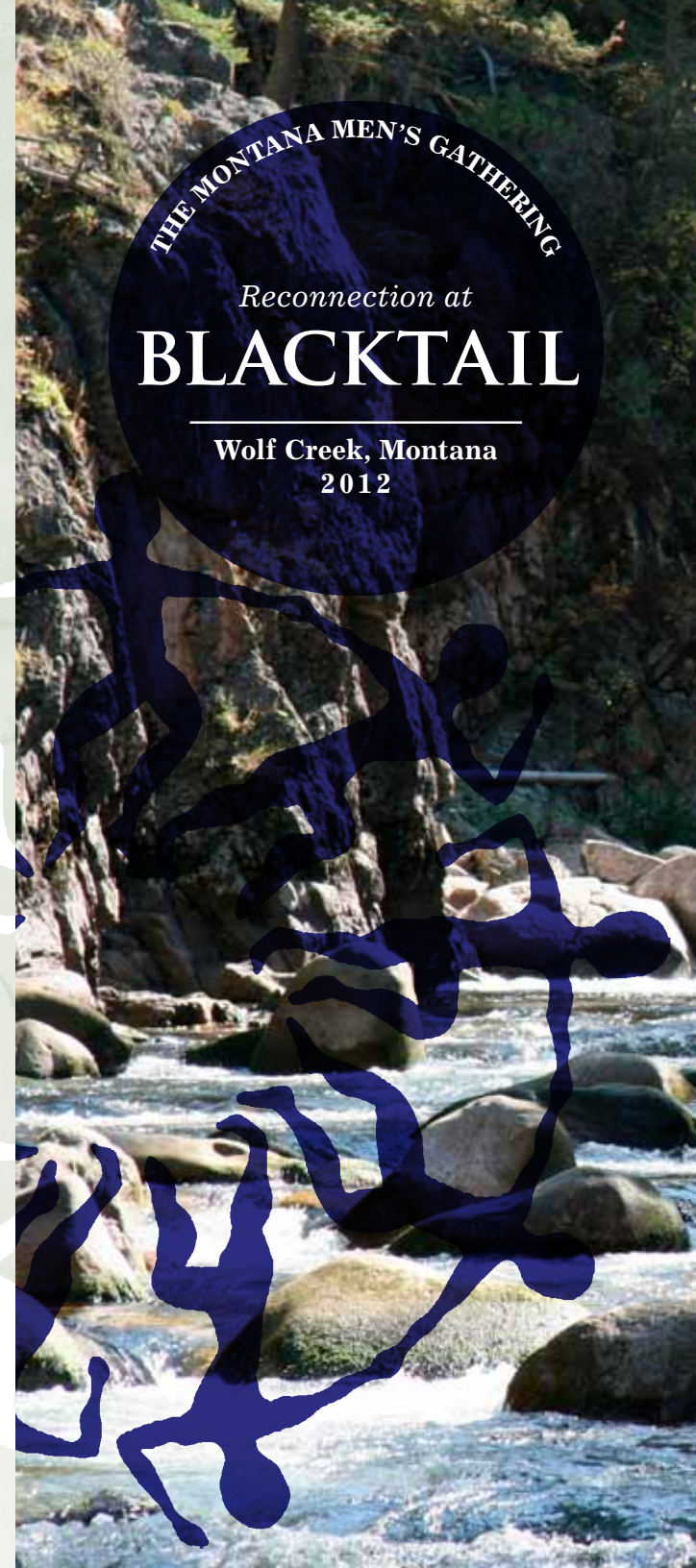


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The **Montana Men's Foundation** is a non-profit corporation founded to sponsor and support men's activities that promote their educational, spiritual and emotional growth for the benefit of community and society. Our special interest is helping young men grow into manhood.



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Reconnection at BLACKTAIL

We invite you to join the 2012 Annual Fall Gathering of the Montana Men's Foundation. This year, we are excited and charged to be returning to the Blacktail Ranch, the home of numerous past gatherings and a place that holds our collective spirit. Our purpose at these gatherings is to reconnect with ourselves, society, nature, and each other.

The Montana Men's Foundation has been sponsoring male gatherings for 20 years. We provide a space to renew, re-energize and express what it means to be a man within the ever accelerating pace and stress of modern life. We encourage younger men to join our circle as they begin their journey of manhood into society. Far from being a time for resignation in this confusing era, now is a time for re-imagining culture and life affirming practices. Our society does not have a cultural context for ancient rites of initiation, but we recapture portions of what

initiation provided in earlier societies and put it in a modern context.

Our gatherings provide a safe place where focused masculine intention promotes personal restoration through ancient and modern techniques. With our facilitators Matthew Marsolek and Neil Egan, we will explore the 'deep masculine' and the sustenance of healthy male camaraderie.

Blacktail Ranch, north of Helena, where some of our first gatherings took place, is a working ranch that provides a natural and historic setting for the gathering in an ancient and powerful landscape on the southern end of the Rocky Mountain Front. Our organization literally has our energy in this land where we built a Hogan for our work and infused our energy into other landmarks. We will spiritually connect with our ancient brethren within a cave used by man for 10,000 years and by gathering daily at a medicine

wheel that pre-dates western history.

We will be meeting in daily circles to explore our need to reconnect with our hearts. We do this through drum circles, immersion in the cave, dream work, competitive games, yoga/physical activity, cooperative activities, embodied movement, and outdoor exploration. Each day there will be free time for personal activities, contemplation, rest, and creativity.

We will meet at the ranch at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 26th for dinner and will depart on Sunday, Sept 30th after lunch. We will be cared for with nourishing meals and comfortable bunkhouse accommodations provided by the Blacktail Ranch. Sleeping arrangements will be in the main house, with an option to camp outside. As this is Montana, be prepared for any type of weather.

Partial scholarships may be available for younger men or men with financial hardship. To inquire, please contact Bill Bucher at 406-442-7591 or bbucher@mt.net. If you would like to support our scholarship fund, you can make a tax deductible donation to the Montana Men's Foundation for:

- \$50 \$100 \$300 Other Amount: _____
 - Full payment
- \$395 - registered before July 15th
 \$445 - registered on or before September 1st
 \$495 - registered after September 1st

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ How did you hear about this event? _____

If you cancel before September 10th, we retain a \$30 administration fee. No reimbursement for cancellations after September 12th. Make check to: Montana Men's Foundation, mail to Jim Welton, 1201 Cardinal Drive, Belgrade, MT 59714.

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