



## Living your edge at GOTC 2018

**Explore your edge** - For many, our gathering is an opportunity to do the things we otherwise don't get to do such as edgy fun like wheelbarrow jousting or watersliding. This year's workshops offerings include Men of Wearable Arts, Social Constructs: Masculine or Feminine or Bi-gender?, Concrete Sculpture (limit 20) and more...

**Celebrating your personal and community achievements**, taking the time to reflect on your journeys, sharing what's good about your lives as well as your challenges with men who care...

**Taking a break and recharging** - do nothing at all, away from electronic devices, news headlines, and information overload. Nourish your spirit instead as you connect or reconnect with good men; meditate at sunrise on the beach, share poetry under the stars, let your spirits roam free...

**Bring your young men** - You are invited to bring your young men along and include them in the world of men's work and play. Josh returns to help you coordinate activities for young men, be it on their own, with their group of fathers and mentors, or with other men from our community.

**Reduced price for men aged 18 to 25** - To help bridge the gap into the world of Men, we're again offering a reduced price for men in this age group (see details below). Come join us!

**Been to an Essentially Men workshop but not yet the Summer Gathering?** - This is a unique opportunity to live the values you experienced on the EM workshop while continuing your personal growth journey in the company of good men. "First timers": join us in fun and learning.

**Men from kindred organisations** - This is the perfect place to support and inspire each other as we forge connections and share ideas with men from diverse yet aligned networks. All men who have done men's personal growth work in groups are welcome.



## Register Now!

Register online at [www.essentiallymen.net/register-gotc](http://www.essentiallymen.net/register-gotc)

Or fill in this form and send it to the Hub.

Any registration questions please contact the Hub on 09 376 2386.

**Cost:** \$425 full price  
\$350 for early bird (payment before end December)  
\$200 Men 18-25yo  
\$120 College Aged Youth (attending with adult)  
All meals included.

We recognise men have differing financial circumstances - if money is a problem contact John Bowater ([jbowater@gmail.com](mailto:jbowater@gmail.com), 021-916-221) and let's talk - can pay instalments, and subsidies are available to assist men under financial pressure

### Yes! I will be there at the EM 18th Summer Gathering 2018

Name: .....

Address: .....

Home phone: ..... Mobile: .....

Work phone: .....

Email: .....

Name(s) and age(s) of your young men: .....

Essentially Men #..... or men's groups I have participated in (please specify): .....

Payment enclosed:

(cheques made out to EM Education Trust)

Part payment \$ .....

Full payment \$ .....

All meals provided at the gathering:

Meat  Vegetarian

I can come early to help set

up at the Pre-Gathering:

Saturday  Sunday

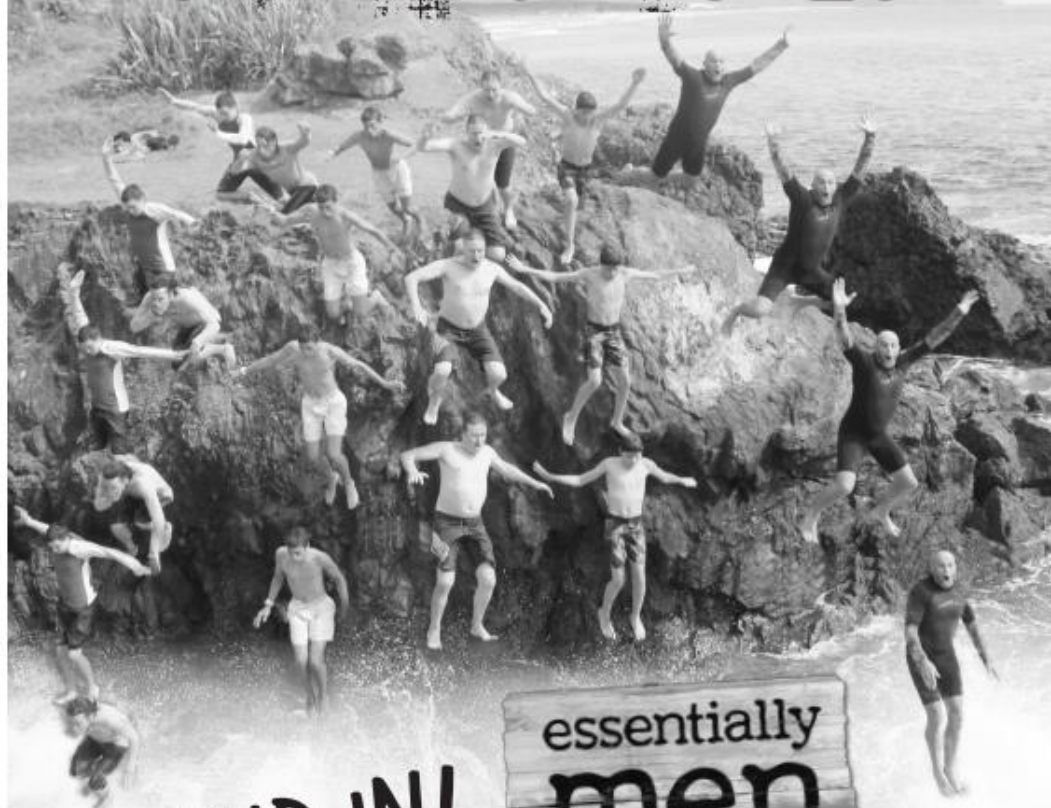
Monday  Tuesday

Yes I can offer a car share on

..... Feb from .....

**Payment:** Post to: GOTC / Essentially Men, 13 Maidstone Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland 1021 or  
Internet banking: Essentially Men Education Trust. ASB account 12-3049-0104234-00. Particulars: Your Name; Reference: GOTC 18

# get off the concrete



## JUMP IN!

essentially  
**men**  
SUMMER GATHERING



**WEDNESDAY 21 - SUNDAY 25  
FEBRUARY 2018**

# Your Personal INVITATION to GET OFF THE CONCRETE!



## A time for men to celebrate authentic connection, re-create, and grow community

The gathering is a place to reconnect with yourself, be inspired, relax, dream, share skills, develop friendships, come from the heart, share strength, connect with the earth, promote social action, explore creativity and be your authentic self in the company of men. All men already experienced in men's work are invited (and secondary school aged young men with their father/mentor are welcome).

## How we will meet

We will come together in conversation in morning dialogue circles, daily "home" groups, a sharing circle, and a rich night-time celebration of our identity as men. The rest of the time we will use "open space" ways of meeting, which means we will co-create the programme out of the talents of the men present. Open space is an engaging, edgy and spontaneous way of being together - awake to moments of utter nonsense and deep sacred grace. There will be a forum where we offer spontaneous workshops and interest groups, so come prepared to take part in or offer a workshop yourself. Get Off the Concrete offers a depth of sharing and openness that brings out a spirit of awakening, creativity and authenticity.

## Getting things done

The gathering is a co-created experience where we all contribute. There is no service team to take care of you. Processes have been established during previous GOTCs for us all to take on roles that keep the gathering running smoothly on both the practical and cultural levels. We will all be involved in culinary miracles. A highlight of GOTC is the chai tent - a place to hang out anytime day or night with a cuppa and good company.

## Gathering site

The gathering takes place on the quiet earth of a forest camp, close to the vast openness of the ocean near Whanaki an hour and a half north of Auckland. We meet outdoors - we sleep in tents or even under the stars. We swim like dolphins and clown like gannets in a high wind.

*The event will go ahead no matter which of the elements speak - a roaring Pacific storm or gift-wrapped summer sun!*

## Pre-gathering working bee

A beautiful extension of the gathering is meeting beforehand on the land to create the site. Let us know when registering if you can attend part or all of the pre-gathering, starting 11am Saturday 17th February and continuing until the main gathering starts on Wednesday afternoon. Family members welcome on the Saturday/Sunday, but men only from Monday. Come and share the joy of working hard in a group of men as we prepare the camp.



## Boundaries

Beginnings and endings mark time and respect.

We will start with an opening ceremony at 5.00 pm and ask you to arrive anytime Wednesday afternoon, well before 4.30pm. You'll need plenty of time to erect your tent, settle in, connect with friends and unwind. The gathering runs until 3.30 pm Sunday and we request participants to commit to being present for the whole time (the process of building community is weakened by random arrivals and departures). This gathering is alcohol and drug free. By attending you agree to this.

## Entry Criteria

This gathering is for men who have experienced personal development with men, in groups. It is not for men who are new to men's work. We have found that the first stage for a man to establish trust with other men is best done in a structured programme and there are more appropriate forums for this.



## A CALL TO ACTION!

When will you take the next step on your journey to GOTC?

## Take it now!

Whether it is registering (using this form or online), getting more information, checking your calendar, organising leave from work or family commitments, take action NOW to get yourself one step closer to GOTC and taking your place among the community of men that will be waiting for you with open arms and warmth in their hearts.



*Bring drums, guitars, music. Bring poetry. Bring art materials. Bring the heart of yourself ready to connect with other men.*