



*Girls to Women New England*

## **Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire**

A Weekend of Healing and Growth for Women

March 23, 2019

8:45am – 9:00pm

## **Application Package**

*"As adolescence ends – if there is no effective initiation or mentorship – a sad thing happens. The fire of thinking, the flaring up of creativity, the bonfires of tenderness, all begin to go out."  
- Robert Bly*

# WELCOME

## About Girls to Women

Girls to Women New England is the name of an organization that doesn't officially yet exist but could be a sister organization to Boys to Men New England (BTMNE), which offers programs for teenage boys that are designed to help them develop into men with commitment, integrity, and accountability. For now, this is all taking place as one BTMNE's events, and is on their website. If you think you might have an interest in helping create Girls to Women, please reach out to us! We believe that most adult men and women have wounds left from their teenage years, some forgotten but still present within us, which rob us of energy and hope and strength. The Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire (RTF) weekend re-connects you with your teenage years and allows you to reclaim that part of you that you had to set aside in order to survive those years.

## If you have questions

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## How to Apply

The actual application to attend the RTF starts on the **fourth page** of this package, where the actual application begins, and numbered page 1. Please fill out the application in its entirety, and return it to us either by: fax (888-343-5434); email a scanned copy to [registrar@btmne.net](mailto:registrar@btmne.net); or mail to *Boys to Men New England, c/o Jeremy Richman, 3 Brattle Drive Apt. 4, Arlington MA 02474*. If you mail your application, you may include your check made out to BTMNE in the envelope. **Do not include the first three pages of this package when you send it, only the fifth page and those following.**

To protect girls under the age of 18 who will be present as staff, we require a criminal background check on anyone over 18, whether you are a participant in the event or staffing it. Once you apply here, we will let you know which website to visit to give the information required, and permission, as well as pay them the approximately \$20 cost of the background check. We reserve the right to decline your application based on the results of the background check, in order to protect the minors present.

## Financials

Tuition is \$100 for participants; there is no charge of anyone staffing.

1. Paying by check: Make check payable to "BTMNE." You may mail in your check with your application to our Registrar (see above). If mailing check separately, mail to :

*Boys to Men New England, c/o Jeremy Richman, 3 Brattle Drive Apt 4., Arlington MA 02474*

2. Paying through PayPal: Visit [http://www.btmne.org/wrtf\\_payment.html](http://www.btmne.org/wrtf_payment.html).
3. Paying through email: [finance@boystomennewengland.org](mailto:finance@boystomennewengland.org)

## **Logistics**

The 2019 Women's Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire begins Saturday morning March 23, at 9:00pm sharp, and concludes at approximately 9:00pm. **Please plan to arrive by 8:45am.** The event takes place at the Oddsfellows Hall, 7 Newton Street, West Boylston MA 01583.

There is a place on the application for you to indicate if you would like to carpool or if you can offer a ride to others. We can't guarantee to arrange a carpool for you.

### Pack the following:

- **It is absolutely necessary for you to bring a photograph of yourself as a teen. If you cannot find one, bring a surrogate that can embody the teen you, even if from a magazine (this is for both participants AND STAFF)!**
- **Please bring your lunch and whatever food you need to see you through dinner. There will be a refrigerator.**
- **If you have a drum, a tambourine, maracas, or any other rhythmic instrument, please bring it!**

### Schedule

Saturday, March 23 Staff is requested to arrive by 8:00 AM

Saturday, March 23 **Participants should arrive by 8:45 AM**

Saturday, March 23 9:00 AM (sharp) RTF begins

Saturday, March 23 9:00 PM RTF concludes

Meals: Please bring your own lunch. There is a refrigerator if needed. We will provide an afternoon snack, and dinner which will include a vegetarian option. If you are vegan or have other food choices, you will have to bring your own dinner.

### Out of Contact

You will be asked turn your cell phones OFF (not on vibrate) and put them away while we are in session, but you will be able to check for messages and return calls during breaks.

### Agreements

- Recreational drugs and weapons are prohibited.
- Speak in a manner that models respect, honesty and integrity. Avoid obscenities.

# Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire Application

Application Type (check one):  Participant  Adult Staff  Staff Under 18

CARPOOLING:  I'm all set  I Want a Ride  I can drive the number indicated: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information

### Applicant's Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### If applicant is 18 or older (otherwise leave blank):

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### If application is less than 18 years old (otherwise leave blank):

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Will attend as staff (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special Food Preferences:  No preferences  Vegetarian Option  I will bring my own dinner

Additional comments your dietary requirements or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS**

Training Dates: March 23, 2019

In consideration of the services of Boys to Men Mentoring Network, including all of its officers, directors, staff, leaders, co-leaders, volunteers, affiliates and all persons and entities acting for it or on its behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as +("BTMNE") and the right for the applicant to engage in this BTMNE Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire ("Training"), I hereby freely and voluntarily agree to release, indemnify, and hold BTM harmless on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate, as follows:

## **I. DISCLOSURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS**

I acknowledge that Boys to Men New England has responded to all the questions I asked about the program to my satisfaction. I understand that the Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire weekend ("Training") is a personal growth and development course and involves known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, illness, or damage to applicant, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. These risks include, among other things:

A. The nature of the training itself which involves:

1. Strenuous and vigorous mental, emotional, and intellectual activity such as games, role playing (e.g. enactments of past events, feelings or parts of psyche or personality) and exercises and processes which may include or result in physical, mental or emotional stress, distress and fatigue (e.g. Facing and overcoming physical, emotional or mental obstacles to the achievement of goals);
2. The potential for injury to mental health (such as depression or traumatization relating to past psychological history);
3. The potential for change with respect to such matters as: education, career, job or business; relationships with family, friends, women, fellow youth, co-workers, and behavior in social, personal or school and business settings.

B. The acts or omissions of BTM who may, among other things, be ignorant of any participant's fitness or abilities; or give inadequate instructions, warnings or advice.

C. Latent or apparent defects or conditions in the equipment or property supplied by BTM or other persons or entities as well as the use or operation of such equipment.

D. Acts of other participants in this training or other persons.

## **II. PARTICIPANT UNDERTAKINGS**

1. I and my representatives expressly acknowledge and agree and promise to accept, all of the risks existing in this training, including those risks listed above as well as those risks not specifically listed above.

2. I and my representatives understand, acknowledge and represent that applicant's participation in this Training and in every separate part thereof is purely voluntary and applicant elects to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of all the risks. I acknowledge that at all times applicant will be free to choose to leave the training or to not engage in any part or all of the Training.

3. I and my representatives hereby authorize BTM to take any and all reasonable steps on applicant's behalf in the case of any physical or other injury, illness or condition suffered during the Training. BTM is hereby authorized to apply emergency first aid, engage physicians of any kind, nursing services, ambulance services, paramedic services, or any other service or personnel that in the sole discretion and judgment if BTM may be deemed reasonable and necessary for applicant's immediate care, health and safety.

4. I and my representatives hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge BTM and agree to indemnify and hold BTM harmless with respect to any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action and damages which arise out of, or are in any way connected with, applicant's participation in this Training, use of BTM equipment or facilities, or the provision by BTM of emergency services, including but not limited to claims alleging negligent acts or omissions or medical malpractice.

5. I agree and promise to indemnify and hold BTM harmless from all costs and liabilities, including but not limited to, attorney fees, incurred by BTM in connection with claims for personal injury or property damage to staff, other participants, volunteers, spectators or other third parties which arise out of, or are in any way connected with, applicant's participation in

this Training.

6. In signing this document I fully recognize and acknowledge that if anyone (including applicant) is hurt or property is damaged, lost, or destroyed, as a result of my participation in this Training, I may be found by a court of law to have given up any right I might have to make a claim or file a lawsuit against BTM.

7. Should BTM or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney fees and costs in connection with any effort to enforce this agreement as a result of applicant's participation in this Training, I agree and promise to indemnify and hold them harmless against all such fees and costs.

8. I certify that applicant has sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover costs and expenses of any injury or damage applicant may suffer or cause while participating in this Training. If applicant has no such insurance I agree to bear all the costs of any and all such expenses and liability.

9. I certify that applicant has no medical condition which could interfere with applicant's safety in the training and agree to assume and bear the costs of all risks, liability, claims, demands, or causes of action and damages which arise out of, or are in any way connected with any medical condition applicant has whether or not I have previously disclosed that condition to BTM.

10. I have had sufficient opportunity to read and understand this entire document. I have read and understood it. I agree to be bound by all of its terms.

## Signature Page

Please note: for applicants under 18, parents/guardians must sign section A and the applicant must sign in section B!

### **SECTION A: FOR APPLICANTS OVER 18, ALSO FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF APPLICANTS UNDER 18:**

I have read the entire **Participation Agreement and Acknowledgement of Risks** section of this application, parts I - II, and hereby agree to each of its clauses.

**Note: For applicants under 18, signature must be of parent or guardian. I, as Parent \_\_\_\_\_ or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (check one), in signing declare and affirm that I have custodial rights with regard to the applicant.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature of applicants over 18 or of parent/guardian of applicants under 18)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION B: FOR APPLICANTS UNDER 18:**

I am under the age of 18 who is applying to staff this Training. I have read the entirety of this application including the **Participation Agreement and Acknowledgement of Risks** section of this application, parts I-II. I hereby agree to each and all of its clauses (except for the Criminal Background Check clause). I also acknowledge that the medical record is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**(YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN IN THE SECTION ABOVE!!!!!!)**

Signature of Under 18 Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_