

NOMC 2012 FALL RETREAT FLYER!



Retreat Theme: Senex and Puer

Are men maturing later these days? Is there a fear of risk or commitment? Is there a part of us that doesn't want to grow up? **Puer** Aeternus or Eternal Boy is the Romans' word for this guy. As the Wikipedia editors nicely put it:

“The puer typically leads a provisional life, due to the fear of being caught in a situation from which it might not be possible to escape. He covets independence and freedom, chafes at boundaries and limits, and tends to find any restriction intolerable.” The puer (poo-air) is creative but may never realize his vision.

The puer archetype is defined by the behaviors of spontaneity, impulsiveness, enthusiasm or mania, flashes of insight, and a thriving on fantasy and creativity.

Senex, the old man, stands for the “disciplined, controlled, responsible, rational, ordered”. The senex consolidates, grounds, and disciplines. Senex may be a wise man. He may be a wizard. But he may have a negative side which can be cold, depressed, and with a tendency to clog intellectual plumbing, and prevent the flow of fresh thought. He may be the devouring father or a doddering fool.



As you think about these archetypes, you may recognize how they are at work in the world, and, closer to home, how they dance within your soul. Some men may be indecisive, flighty. Some may be balanced. Some may be rigid. Some may fly too close to the sun, some too close to the ground. Some play it safe, and some too often. **As you retreat** from the demands of the everyday world with us, we invite you to enjoy a look at this part of your soul's journey.

**THE NOMC FALL RETREAT WILL BE HELD ON
October 19-21, 2012 AT KING'S ARROW RANCH, HILLSDALE, MS**

WHAT TO EXPECT

We seek to provide a safe place for men to connect with themselves, other men and the environment. Large and small group experiences as well as some time alone are planned. In our mythopoetic tradition, storytelling, poetry, drumming and experiential learning can be expected.

PLEASE INVITE ANOTHER MAN TO COME WITH YOU.

WHEN

Arrive Friday, October 19th. On-site registration and bunk assignment will begin at 5 p.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 6 P.M. Dinner will be available at 6 P.M., and our opening ceremony will begin at 7 PM. You may arrive as early as you wish on Friday to check out the grounds, hike, meditate, etc. The retreat will end after lunch on Sunday.

WHERE

King's Arrow Ranch, Hillsdale, MS, just east of I-59 North at exit 35, 75 miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles south of Hattiesburg, MS. In case of emergency, you can be reached through the King's Arrow Range phone # 601-796-3423. You will be asked not to use or access your cell phone during the Retreat.

PRE-REGISTER VIA E-MAIL (Note the new email address)

We ask that you pre-register by October 15th so we can estimate lodging and meals required. To pre-register, just reply to this email and let us know you will be there (retreat@thenomc.org).

If you do not have email, call one of the facilitators to register. A confirmation letter with more details will be sent upon pre-registration. For confidentiality and privacy, information provided for registration will only be available to retreat participants.

COST

The cost of the Retreat is \$120.00 and that fee covers all meals and lodging. You can pay by check or cash upon arrival, Friday, October 19th.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial assistance, please contact a facilitator.

NOMC PLANNING MEETING

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday, a planning meeting will be held to discuss the next retreat, as well as planning for the future of NOMC. All interested are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information about the retreat, contact a facilitator:

Keith at **504-669-1645**, Ed at 504-610-3197, or Charles at 214-205-5660

Or reply to this e-mail that you would like to be contacted by a facilitator and the webmaster will forward your reply to them.

VISIT THE NOMC WEBSITE

<http://www.thenomc.org/retreats.html>

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