

MROP FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the dates for the Rites of Passage?

- Registration begins at 2:30 pm Wednesday, June 19, 2019.
- The Initiation begins at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 23, 2019, and concludes by 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

It is absolutely necessary to attend the entire Initiation Rites from the opening on Wednesday through final Liturgy on Sunday. You may not come late or leave early, except in cases of absolute emergency.

What will be asked of me physically?

It is important to note that you must have a basic mobility and health that will allow you to crawl, hike, and fast. There will be a 24-hour fast from Friday (after supper) until Saturday supper. We will make accommodations for those with special dietary needs; otherwise only water will be consumed during this time.

How and when do I handle my final payment and arrival information?

The [Audubon Center](#) requires total payment for any guest registered for a program at their facility — even if that guest does not show up. For this reason, we request that all registrants pay for the entire Men's Rite of Passage by Friday, May 26, 2017. In order to keep your reserved place for this MROP, please send your balance of \$450, along with the Payment/Travel Information Form that is included in this letter. Please make your final payment at our web site or in the form of a check or money order. (If you sent your application with a \$50 down payment before our Early Bird deadline of March 31, your balance will be \$400.)

Where is the Audubon Center?

Founded in 1968, the [Audubon Center](#) is an environmental center, located on the shores of Grindstone Lake, about halfway between Duluth, MN and the Twin Cities. It is a 535 acre sanctuary, with a combination of lake shore, stream, wetlands, grassland and forest. For more information & directions visit www.audubon-center.org. Emergency numbers are [\(888\) 404-7743](tel:8884047743) or [\(320\) 245-2648](tel:3202452648). Please leave this information with people before you leave home. Cell phone coverage is limited in this area. If you need to contact someone upon your arrival, please bring a calling card to reach them.

What is the weather like there?

June is pristine vacation weather in northern Minnesota. The temperature usually averages between 70-80, although some years have reached the 90s or dip into the 60s. It can be humid during this time of year, but don't worry the sleeping quarters are air-conditioned and a dip into the lake is always refreshing. The biggest concerns may be mosquitoes (be sure to pack

plenty of bug repellent) and deer ticks/wood ticks (which can be a nuisance or sometimes dangerous).

What do I need to bring?

Please see the [travel checklist](#) on our [travel webpage](#) for what to bring.

What are the accommodations at the Audubon Center?

Accommodations are in the Crosby Lodge. Bedding and towels are NOT provided. You must bring your own sleeping bag or sheets/blankets for a twin mattress. (The Audubon Center has bedding available for out of State men for \$10.) You will share a room with 3 other men. Each room is air-conditioned, features solid wood bunks, and has its own bathroom facilities. If you are a person who snores (at a level that would disturb others), please communicate this on the enclosed Medical Information form.

How do I get to the [Audubon Center](#)?

Please see the information our [travel webpage](#) for location of the [Audubon Center](#).

Who do I contact if my plane is delayed?

If your plane is delayed, contact Gene Hoelscher at [\(763\) 566-6995](tel:7635666995).

Are there places available to stay before and/or after the Rites of Passage?

If you need accommodations before and/or after the Rites, we recommend that you Google hotels near Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. There is a variety of hotels, from the inexpensive to the elaborate. Nearly all have shuttle service to/from the airport.

Are there any resources available to prepare for the Rites of Passage?

If you want to do some preparatory reading/viewing, you can order it from the [Center for Action and Contemplation's](#) on-line bookstore at www.cacradicalgrace.org. You can also call the CAC Resource Center directly [\(505\) 247-1636](tel:5052471636) to order these and other materials.

- *Men Matter: A Quest for the True Self* — audio recording by Richard Rohr
- *From Wild Man to Wise Man* — book by Richard Rohr
- *Quest for the Grail* — book by Richard Rohr
- *Beloved Sons: Why Males Need Initiation* — audio and DVD

It is recommended that Rohr's *Adam's Return* not be read until after your Rites of Passage experience. (If you have already read it, don't worry about it.) A bookstore with books and teachings will be available at these Rites. Bring cash or a check book to cover any purchases.