



The Giving Tree

Exploring the “Give” and “Take” of our Relationships

The Annual Father/Daughter Gathering

Ghost Ranch, New Mexico

May 23-26, 2014

The Annual Father/Daughter Gathering (sponsored by New Mexico Men’s Wellness) is designed to provide a protected and supportive retreat environment for Fathers and Daughters to explore their distinctive relationship away from the distractions of day-to-day family dynamics.

Shel Silverstein’s “The Giving Tree” is the story of love between boy and a tree over the course of both of their lives. Disguised as a simple children’s book, this story touches on some serious issues about giving, unconditional love, and reciprocation in a loving relationship. With this story as a frame, we plan to explore the evolution of our Father - Daughter relationships over time, both one-on-one and within the supportive environment of other daughters and dads.

The Father/Daughter Gathering has been an annual event for the past five years, and has become one of the core activities of NM Men’s Wellness. The mission of the Gathering is to enable Fathers and Daughters to gather, honor, celebrate and grow in their special relationship.

The Gathering is scheduled over the Memorial Day weekend, running from late Friday afternoon May 23 through Monday morning, May 26; the three night framework allows time for structured events while keeping the weekend relaxed and relaxing. The fee for the Gathering includes three nights lodging in simple yet comfortable accommodations, all meals from Friday evening through Monday morning, all activities related to the conference and access to all of the hiking trails, library, museums and other Ghost Ranch facilities. Partial scholarship assistance is available for those who need it.

The registration deadline is April 15. Please visit our web page at <http://www.nmmw.org/f-d-2014> where you will find more information, registration materials and complete contact information for the gathering leaders.

We hope you will consider being a part of this special program.

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