Manifest

The Billys’ 25th Year
Anniversary Celebration
A Quarter Century of Heart-Centered Community

Please Join us for story, ritual, and a magical celebration with the Billys.

Meet new buddies
See old friends

Men’s General Goodtimes at the Gathering

This graphic is from the original Billy Club call.

Please join us at Saratoga Springs
Thursday, February 28th through Sunday, March 3rd 2013
This Gathering welcomes Gay and Bisexual Men, Transmen and Billykin.
Honoring our Past – Celebrating our Present – Creating our Future

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Dynamically Braiding Together our Community
- through story and song
- through ritual & heartspace
- cultivating presence & transformation

Manifest: noun (ma-na-fə-'st) an inventory of treasures
Honoring Our Past: Remember the gifts that we receive from the past & present Billys. Share your Billy-lore in pictures, words, art or song. Join the rituals to weave a 25-year tapestry.

Manifest: verb (ma-na-fə-'st) to make evident
Celebrate Our Present: Contribute your talent to making our Celebration a fabulous event. Be the hostess with the most-est in rolling out the Gala Dinner. Fashion a party and decorations that are meaningful in content and presentation.

Manifestation: noun (ma-na-fə-'stā-shən) a phenomenon of materialization
Create Our Future: Pull out all the stops on creativity, present a workshop or plan something for the anniversary talent show. Recreate hilarious moments of the past, engage in the extravaganza of the moment and create our future memories. Realize our shared vision.

How to Get Involved
- Register early – it takes all of us to create a community.
- Join one or more of the Affinity Groups now. Check the box when you register and you will receive an invite to the conversation. Begin prior to the Gathering. Continue the discussion about Community, Intimacy and Personal Exploration. Share your ideas for the Gathering. Affinity Groups have been discontinued, sorry.
- The Billy Board of Directors is coordinating this Gathering. Contact Ezra Cole (916) 447-8395, mr.cole@comcast.net, Ken Kunert (805) 720-4528, kkunert@mac.com, or Jim Stockton (510) 282-0446, garudahealing@yahoo.com, with questions or to become a sub coordinator.
- Attendees must be 18 or older.
- Smoking at the Smoking Gazebo only
- Fragrance free please
### Manifest: The Billys 25th Year Anniversary Celebration

**Thursday February 28 ~ Sunday March 3, 2013**

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#### Name

- Faerie name/AKA
- Street
- City, State, Zip
- Home Phone
- Cell phone
- Email
- Emergency Name
- Emergency Number

#### Privacy Concerns?
Circle any of your info above and we'll leave it off the Gathering Roster we distribute. Email a face shot of your handsome mug to office@thebillys.org and it'll be included. Emergency info is **not** printed on the Roster.

#### Deadlines

- **Scholarship deadline:** Fri. Feb. 8, 5 pm at the Billy Office or for an Attendance Lottery if we need it.*
- **Regular Registration deadline:** Fri. Feb. 15, 5 pm at the Billy Office. After 5 pm is Late Registration, which costs $100/night subject to food/housing availability and payment in full.

#### Car Pool! Volunteer! Say Yes!

- I can offer a ride from:
- I need a ride from:
- I can help set up bring gathering stuff up:
- I can help return stuff to the Billy office:

#### Housing, Workshops, Diet, Other Info?
Tell us about it below, attach a separate paper if needed. We desire to accommodate and support people of varying physical abilities, yet our gathering site has inherent access and use limitations. Please let us know any particular special needs or concerns you have. Food allergies? Offering a workshop? All housing is indoor and limited. Please list CPAP use, etc. Priority for private rooms goes to those with special health needs.

#### Liability Release

I am a responsible adult and will try not to harm myself, anyone else, or any property during the gathering. I understand there are no guarantees given or expressed to assure my safety, or the safety of my property, at the gathering by the Billy Foundation (dba The Billys). Parking is at my own risk. Falling trees and other acts of nature are unlikely but possible. Be aware that neither the Billys nor the facility we rent will take responsibility for damage to your vehicle. By signing below, I therefore release the Billy Foundation from all liabilities caused by my, other people's, or the Billy Foundation's actions and/or inactions during the gathering. Thank you!

#### Registration Policy

Please read the back page. Pre-registration is required. At least 50% of your payment must accompany registration to be complete, including those requesting scholarships. No payments will be taken at the gathering. Full payment must be made before the gathering, unless arrangements have been made in advance with the Billy office. See back page for our refund and late attendance policy.*

#### Deadlines

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If you need a scholarship in order to attend, please ask for only for what you truly need to attend. Our actual cost for 2011-2012 fiscal year was $107 per night. *

| __________ Nights at $90 - $125 sliding scale |
| __________ Day Use at $45-$90 sliding scale |

| Mailing list/general support |
| Richard Locke Scholarship Fund Donation* |
| Billy Emergency Support Fund Donation* |
| General Fund Donation* |
| Scholarship Request Amount |

| Total I am paying now | Total I owe before the Gathering |

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Please sign your check and mail it with this completed form to: The Billys, PO Box 12205, Santa Rosa CA 95406-2205

Voice: 707-545-1044  Email: office@thebillys.org  Register and Donate online at thebillys.org  *see back page
**Registration Fee Information**

The Billy Board works hard to keep registration fees to a minimum. Paying the low end of the sliding scale barely covers the out-of-pocket cost per person for the gathering. In fiscal year 2011-12 (May Day 2011 through Mid Winter 2012) we had $138,946 in total expenses and 1301 total registered nights. That comes to $106.80 per night. Paying more than the minimum helps us pay for the overall programs and administrative costs of the Billy Foundation such as telephone, staff and office expenses and our outreach activities. And it enables us to provide more scholarships for those who need assistance, by keeping prices generally low. Please help us keep our fees as low as possible by interpreting your place on the “sliding scale” as generously as you are able, or by making a tax-deductible donation to our General Fund. Thank you!

**Late Attendance Policy**

If a Billy wants to attend a gathering after the traditional registration has closed, he must contact either (1) a board member who will be attending the gathering or (2) one of the co-coordinators or (3) the portfolio holder for that gathering to request consideration to attend. The said contact person will need to make the following determinations before the Billy’s request is granted.

1. Does the Billy agree to pay the full gathering fees that would be due at the time of the request? This would include the increased fees that are due after traditional registration has closed. (Scholarships will have closed by this time and will not be available for inclusion within this process.)
2. Does the cook have enough food to include this additional person at the gathering without reducing the experience of the other Billies?
3. Is there housing available for the Billy?

If all the answers are yes, then the Billy can be granted attendance at the gathering. The person contacted will pass the information about the new attendee and the fees that he has agreed to pay to the registrar. New Billies will not be granted this exception as they should have a chance to experience the gathering in its entirety including their inclusion in the roster and welcome rituals.

**Your Tax-Deductible Donations**

The Richard Locke Scholarship Fund is what we use for Billies who find gathering fees difficult to afford. No general operating funds are used for scholarships, only money directly donated here. The Billy Emergency Support Fund supports Billies, and HIV+ persons in northern counties, and pays for essential needs like rent, utilities, etc. And of course, you can contribute to our General Fund. Giving to any of those mentioned is a tax-deductible donation. Call the office for more info.

**Billy Food and Drug Policy**

Those needing supplemental food for their special/extra-ordinary dietary needs should bring it with them. We will make every effort to provide space for storage and preparation. Our gatherings are alcohol/recreational drug free. Please continue to take your prescription medication if you need it to remain stable throughout the gathering.

**Scholarship Policy**

If you are asking for a scholarship, **we strongly encourage you to pay $15 per day**. Your scholarship request will be honored if we have the funds. Please be aware your request impacts others if sufficient funds are unavailable. Anyone who submits a request with their gathering registration by the scholarship deadline, may apply for a partial or full scholarship to attend a gathering. Scholarships are not granted after the deadline, and not at the gathering if you wish to add an extra night. In the event that scholarship requests for a gathering exceed available funds, scholarship requests will be reduced to meet the funds available for this gathering. All scholarship recipients are expected to contact the Billy Office by the day before the start of the gathering in the event they are unable to attend. If they do not do so, they will not be eligible to apply for another scholarship for one year.

**Refund Policy**

Refunds must be requested within one week of the close of the gathering, and will be given within 30 days of a gathering. The entire deposit, minus a $25 handling fee, will be refunded except for any expenses incurred by the Billies for food and lodging to reserve the applicant’s space. In the event there is a waiting list and a replacement can be found for the person canceling, a full refund will be given. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board President and the Resource Coordinator.

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The mission of the Billies is to foster community, intimacy, and personal exploration among gay, bi, and queer men through shared values and heart-centered brotherhood.