

# Walking With Wisdom



Exploring our Gifts  
and Energies

## Billy Labor Day Gathering

Aug 31 - September 4, 2017  
Billys and Billy Kin welcome!  
Groundswell Retreat Center  
Mendocino County, California

What comes to mind when you think of wisdom? Who is the wisest person you know? Who are the sages in our tribe? Who is missing? What is the role of an Elder in our community? Are you an Elder? Are you learning? What do you have to teach or share with us? Can we find the fun and joy amidst the challenges? Can we make the shadows more bearable? Can we change the world with our play?



**Harry Hay Day: Thursday Aug 31** Welcoming Circle. Game Night  
Cabaret

**Bayard Ruskin Day: Friday Sept 1** Morning Heart Circle, Afternoon  
Workshops, Calling in the Elders & New Billy Ritual

**Pedro Zamora Day: Saturday Sept 2** Morning Workshops, Afternoon  
Heart Circle, Everyone's Got Talent Show

**George Takei Day: Sunday Sept 3** Morning Heart Circle, Afternoon  
Workshops and Labor Day Sunday Tea Dance, Evening Ritual of the  
Sages

**Alan Turing Day: Monday Sept 4** Closing circle, hugs and goodbyes!



Workshops at gatherings come from the  
participants! What will you share?

- Build a thing?
  - Teach a thing?
  - Learn a thing?
  - Interplay workshop!
- Create your own!!! Share your wisdom!

## **Your Wacky Weekend Wisdom Walkers:**

Daniel Mandel aka Aqva-Nyet - drmandel@comcast.net

Joseph Chase aka WhiteRain! - jnctwo@gmail.com

Consider expressing your wisdom as a Sub-Coordinator for this gathering. Register at: [www.thebillys.org/registration/](http://www.thebillys.org/registration/)

**WARNING & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

You must be pre-registered and 18 or older to attend. No alcohol, recreational drugs, weapons or pets (except ADA-defined service animals). Weather permitting, camping is encouraged. Priority for indoor housing goes to those with special health needs. Gatherings run on volunteer energy, so your participation is expected. This gathering includes Billys (that means gay/bi men including transmen) and Billy Kin (that means friends and relatives of Billys including women). Fragrance-Free to support Billys with sensitivities.

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**Scholarship Deadline:** 5pm Thursday, August 10 at the Billy Office

**Regular Registration Deadline:** 5pm Thursday, August 17 at the Billy Office

Name:	Faerie name/AKA:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

The information above will be included in the printed directory distributed at the gathering. Check the box next to any information you DO NOT wish to be included in the directory. Want to have your picture included as well? Please email a picture to [office@thebillys.org](mailto:office@thebillys.org) As part of an initiative to increase diversity in the Billys we would like to know how you identify your race and/or ethnicity:

Emergency contact:	Auto License#	Housing request:
I NEED a ride from:	Food allergy/restrictions:	
I can OFFER a ride from:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I can help transport items TO the gathering	<input type="checkbox"/> I can help transport items FROM the gathering	I want to offer a workshop:

OVERNIGHT (\$100-\$135 sliding scale)	OR	DAY USE ONLY (\$50-75 sliding scale)	Registration Fee (Multiply the number of days or nights by what you can pay on our scale)
	Thurs 8/31		Richard Locke Scholarship Donation
	Friday 9/1		Billy Emergency Support Fund Donation
	Saturday 9/2		General Fund Donation
	Sunday 9/3		
We are departing Monday 9/4 by 2pm			(Your donations are tax deductible)
Mark the days OR nights you plan to attend. What time are you planning to arrive?			SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST amount <i>Please read the back page!</i>

Pre-registration is required! Full payment is due prior to the start of gathering. No free drop-ins. Gathering starts at 3pm, Thursday August 31.

## 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, and I have read the policies on the back page. Parking is at my own risk. Falling trees and other acts of nature are unlikely but possible. Be aware that neither the Billy Foundation 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, others or the Billy Foundation's actions and/or inactions during the gathering. Thank you!

Signature

Date

Please sign your check and mail it with this completed form to : The Billy Foundation, PO Box 12205, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-2205  
Phone: 707-545-1044 Email: [office@thebillys.org](mailto:office@thebillys.org) Register and donate online: [www.thebillys.org](http://www.thebillys.org)

### **Housing and other special concerns:**

We desire to accommodate and support people of varying physical abilities, yet our gathering site has inherent access and use limitations. Let us know any special needs or concerns you have. Camping is available and encouraged at Saratoga Springs. All indoor housing is shared, with priority for those with special health needs. Please indicate in your housing request if you are requesting indoor housing, wish to share a room with someone special, use a CPAP, or have other concerns. Feel free to attach additional pages if the little tiny box does not meet your needs.

### **Photo and Video Policy**

The full Billy Foundation Photography policy is available on the Billy website at <http://www.thebillys.org/documents/policies/PhotographyPolicy.pdf>

Please do not take or share photos or videos without the express permission of everyone in the image.

### **Your Tax-Deductible Donations**

*The Richard Locke Scholarship Fund* is used to help reduce financial barriers that make it difficult for some to attend our gatherings.

*The Billy Emergency Support Fund* supports all Billys and HIV+ non-Billys in northern CA counties, and pays for emergency needs like rent, utilities, etc.

*The General Fund* supports all the activities of the Billy Foundation.

### **Scholarship Policy**

Scholarships awarded from the Richard Locke Scholarship Fund are solely based on need as expressed by the applicant, and are not granted after the scholarship deadline. We strongly encourage you to pay a minimum of \$15 per day. Your scholarship request will be honored if we have the funds. In the event scholarship requests for a gathering are greater than available funds, a reduced scholarship may be offered. It is the goal of the Billy Foundation to assure that everyone has the opportunity to attend at least one night.

### **Late Registration Policy**

Any registration received after the regular registration deadline is considered late registration. Late registration is available at an increased rate (\$110/night or \$55/day) and is subject to availability of housing and food. Please contact the Billy office to confirm there is space available before registering.

### **Refund Policy**

Refunds must be requested within two weeks of the close of the gathering. Registration fees, minus a \$25 handling fee will be refunded. After two weeks, the registration fees will be considered a donation. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board President and the Resource Coordinator.

### **Billy Food and Drug Policy**

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

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