

How Can I Help?

Become a BTM Mentor:

Mentors are the heart and soul of BTM. Mentoring is a big commitment and the rewards are boundless. As a mentor, you can give to young boys what perhaps you never had, and honor what you may have received from the mentors in your life.

Be a Man of Resource:

We also need enthusiastic men experienced in working with teenagers, particularly men who can facilitate activities, such as drumming, martial arts, and sports.

Make a Donation:

Boys To Men relies almost entirely on donations from people like you. All weekend staff are volunteers *and* pay for the privilege of staffing. Boys pay a tuition of \$450, but no boy is turned away because of finances. Tuition is waived all or in part for boys and payment plans may be available based on financial needs. We need your support! Make checks payable to “**BTM;**” note “**BTM-NE**” on the memo line of your check. Mail your contributions to BTM-NE 95 Lake Drive, Bethlehem, CT 06751

BTM-NE is affiliated with the Boys to Men Mentoring Network, a 501(c) (3) organization. Donations to BTM-NE are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. For more information visit the Boys To Men Mentoring Network website at www.boystomen.org.

What's the Timetable?

- BTM **Rite of Passage Adventure Weekend** (ROPAW) is held annually for new groups of boys.
- Men interested in becoming mentors or staffing should contact BTM NE.
- BTM NE hosts Mentor Trainings called **Reclaiming Your Teenage Fire** (RTF) as needed for men interested in becoming mentors. Tuition costs vary to cover expenses
- Journeymen groups are held throughout the year and guests are welcome.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Local contact info:

www.btmne.org

Central VT: Dave Kaczynski 802-461-6681
VT / W. MA: John Berkowitz 413-625-6374
E. MA: Jeff Kidman 781-640-5107
CT: Dave Bolduc 860-488-0224

International Boys to Men Website:

www.boystomen.org



How are boys to become men?

Much of their music, movies, and television are filled with violence, broken homes, and shallow male images.

Many of their heroes wear “wife-beater” T-shirts, use drugs, commit suicide, shoot or get shot by a rival gang.

Where are the positive male role models?



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What is Boys To Men?

Boys To Men is a program for boys 12 to 17. It is designed to help the boy take a step into manhood and become a man with commitment, integrity, and accountability.

It is a program that challenges them physically and emotionally to do what they thought was impossible and to look at and share feelings they didn't know existed.

What Makes Boys To Men Different?

Boys To Men—

- Is specifically designed to help boys become good men. That's the focus. That's what makes it unique.
- Combines the mentorship of a program like Big Brothers, the physical challenge of a program like Outward Bound, and the power of an intense peer support group.

Other programs help boys become men, but often it is just the by-product of something else--e.g. playing baseball or football.

The Boys To Men Weekend

It begins with an intense **Rite of Passage Adventure Weekend** (ROPAW) Friday night through Sunday afternoon.

It is a weekend with physical challenges and introspection. There is lots of action as well as time for quiet reflection.

The weekend builds an environment of trust so that boys can talk about the things that are critically important in a young man's life but often impossible to share with peers and parents.

This sets the stage for continued development in Journeyman Groups (J-Groups).



Mentorship

Boys To Men is not just a weekend adventure. The real strength of the program is the year-long group and mentorship process that follow the weekend.

During the weekend, boys interact with the men of the mentor team. Mentors are carefully selected, screened, and provided with specific mentorship training. The mentors and the boys gather in a group setting during the following year.

During this time, each boy has the opportunity to share with men he comes to know and trust—men who model for the boy what it is to be a man with integrity.

J-Groups

The boys who complete the weekend become Journeymen and form J-Groups.

The J-Groups meet throughout the following year. Mentors take the boys to the group meetings and activities.

These meetings belong to the Journeymen. It is here that the Jmen share their problems, fears, hopes, and visions. They give each other support and learn to be accountable and develop the courage to have integrity.

And they have fun building these skills through new adventures, camaraderie, sports, and teamwork.