

**New Orleans Men's Circle Spring Retreat
April 4 - 6, 2025
King's Arrow Ranch**



Living through Disruption





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The Song of Wandering Aengus
BY [WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS](#)

I went out to the hazel wood,
Because a fire was in my head,
And cut and peeled a hazel wand,
And hooked a berry to a thread;
And when white moths were on the wing,
And moth-like stars were flickering out,
I dropped the berry in a stream
And caught a little silver trout.

When I had laid it on the floor
I went to blow the fire a-flame,
But something rustled on the floor,
And someone called me by my name:
It had become a glimmering girl
With apple blossom in her hair
Who called me by my name and ran
And faded through the brightening air.

Though I am old with wandering
Through hollow lands and hilly lands,
I will find out where she has gone,
And kiss her lips and take her hands;
And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done,
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.

We look forward to seeing you !!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

We seek to provide a safe place for men to connect with themselves, other men, and the environment. Large and small group experiences as well as some time alone are planned. In our mythopoetic tradition, storytelling, poetry, drumming, and experiential learning can be expected.

PLEASE INVITE ANOTHER MAN TO COME WITH YOU.

WHEN:

Arrive Friday, April 4th. On-site registration and bunk assignment will begin by 5 p.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 5:30 P.M. Dinner will be available at 6 P.M., and our opening ceremony will begin at 7 PM. You may arrive as early as you wish on Friday to check out the grounds, hike, meditate, or spend some time in nature. The retreat will end after lunch on Sunday.

WHERE:

King's Arrow Ranch, Hillsdale, MS, just east of I-59 North at exit 35, 75 miles north of New Orleans and 30 miles south of Hattiesburg, MS. In case of emergency, you can be reached through the King's Arrow Ranch phone # 601-796-3423. You will be asked to avoid using your cell phone during the Retreat.

PRE-REGISTER VIA EMAIL:

We ask that you pre-register ASAP so we can estimate lodging and meals required. To register, just reply to this email and let us know you will be there (info@theNOMC.org) or call one of the facilitators to register. A confirmation email with more details will be sent upon registration. For confidentiality and privacy, information provided for registration will only be available to retreat participants.

COVID:

What to do about COVID, INFECTION, and our in-person retreat?

First, if you have an INFECTION as of a week or so before the retreat, we ask that you not attend. If you have COVID-like symptoms, please get tested. It would be very cool if you got tested anyway. Be aware that some men in attendance may be especially vulnerable to the virus.

We will not mandate vaccinations and masks. We will, though, have masks on hand. And we do hope you arrive vaccinated. We will make whatever arrangements are possible and practical to help reduce risk of infection.

In sum, we encourage each man to take responsibility for himself regarding attendance and protection.

COST:

The cost of the Retreat is \$140.00, and that fee covers all meals and lodging. You can pay by check or cash upon arrival, Friday, April 4th.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

If you need financial assistance, please contact a facilitator ahead of the retreat.

NOMC PLANNING MEETING:

At the conclusion of the retreat on Sunday, a planning meeting to discuss the next retreat, as well as planning for the future of NOMC will be held. All interested are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information about the retreat, contact a facilitator.



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<http://www.thenomc.org/retreats.html>