



REAL men

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Rites of passage – Richard Rohr amongst others, has written about the lack of rites of passage for boys in the West, what the purpose of them was, and what we have lost with their disappearance. Searching for ‘modern rites of passage for boys’ online will give lots of food for thought as can the following articles and sites.

<http://www.wildnature.org.uk/kids-teenagers-families-courses/boys-rites-of-passage.html> - adventures in Sussex

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2012/jul/28/modern-teenage-rite-of-passage> - a family create a rite of passage for their son

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/grasping-essence-life-men-helping-ex-offenders-embrace-positive/> - Band of brothers provides mentoring and rites of passage for young offenders

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/11444542/Could-this-male-initiation-ritual-help-keep-young-men-out-of-prison.html> - Band of brothers II

<http://journeymanuk.org/> - groups and rituals for young men

<http://www.malejourney.org.uk/home/about-us> - Richard Rohr’s organisation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=13&v=6OO6X39INnE – Richard Rohr explaining rites

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/sep/02/how-a-gambian-manhood-ceremony-helps-turn-london-boys-into-men> - Manhood academy has an extensive year-long programme that ends in a trip to Gambia.

Take some time to research this; steal ideas, have your own, and think about your group and how they might benefit from a rite of passage. This is your opportunity to marry up the needs of your group with the skills and resources you have available. A rite of passage has some aspects in common but is very adaptable to your setting. This could end up being a one-off event, a weekend away or a whole programme.