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**Boys of Rites Passage
Mentoring Program**
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Our Vision

To impact the lives of youth spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially providing ministries that help train youth to serve others while living out their own lives. To ensure youth understand the value of education and aspire to achieve lifelong learning.

To allow youth the freedom of expression through different recreational and social events.

To minister to youth in such a way that they will understand and help others understand the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and receive Him as their savior.



Ten Elements of the Program (Cont.)

- 6 **Cultural** - our culture is the framework to our values, perceptions and interactions in the world.
- 7 **Historical** - your "present" is connected to your "past." Knowledge of your heritage inspires growth and reinforces the struggle to individual and community development.
- 8 **Political** - Taking an active role in community, local, state and federal government is one of the necessary keys for self-determination.
- 9 **Economics** - The responsibility of establishing and maintaining a sound economic foundation is basic to becoming and adult and building a family and community.
- 10 **Physical** - Your health, nutrition, hygiene and physical activities determine how we live and how we grow.

What is Rite Of Passage?

A commonly agreed upon set of guidelines, activities, tasks and trials which each male child must successfully master in order to be given the community sanctioned title "man".



It is a process to give boys a sense of becoming a man, a clearer sense of self and of purpose, responsibility to his roles as a father and husband, a sacredness of self and others in the context of a more attentive family and community network of adult endorsement.



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(All activities revolve around teaching these elements.)

- 1 **Spiritual** - Explores the connection between SELF and the CREATOR. Reveals how efforts for Positive and Productive lives are God-prescribed and God-supported.
- 2 **Emotional** - Identifying feelings, learning the difference between responses and reactions, reinforcing honesty with self and others.
- 3 **Social** - The world, the community and your family should benefit – not suffer – from your presence on earth.
- 4 **Personal** - Life can seem hard and unfair, but our ability to Love, struggle and overcome obstacles produces the fruit of our labor and gives us faith to carry on.
- 5 **Mental** - Obtaining knowledge is a life-long and life-enriching process. We must develop the thirst and the skills for the acquisition of knowledge.

