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**ManKind Project USA Presents Barrier Free NWT**

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**Prescott, AZ** – The Southwest Community of the ManKind Project USA will present the first ever **Barrier Free NWT** (New Warrior Training Adventure), taking place in Prescott, Arizona November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, including both staff and participants with varying physical abilities and challenges. This is a “Gateway” training for men with physical disabilities.

The **NWT** is a modern male initiation and self-examination. It’s a 48 hour experience that supports and challenges men to look with fearless honesty at the life they’ve created, and make profound choices about what they want to keep, what they want to expand, and what they want to let go of. Through a wide ranging series of exercises and group and individual activities, men are provided a space to explore healthy male emotion, connect with other men, and discover a personal mission of service to take into the world. MKP USA believes that this is crucial to the development of a healthy and mature male self, no matter how old a man is. MKP asks men to stop living vicariously through movies, TV, addictions and distractions and step up into their own adventure – in real time, surrounded by other men.

Dee Spitler, the host and a certified NWT Co-Leader, has been busy preparing the site to be more accessible for men with physical disabilities. Dee says, “After 20 years of personal growth with the ManKind Project, I have found ‘my’ tribe of men who accept me, support me, and teach me what it is to be a man, no matter what barriers and challenges show up for me. To finally realize my mission, my purpose in life, is what motivates me every day, even the hard days.”

Jim Mulenos, another member of the certified leader team, referring to MKP USA’s slogan, added, “*Changing the world one man at a time*’ is a magnificent vision, and my DNA knows that initiation is every man’s birthright. The men who came for me made my life of choice and empowerment possible. And it’s high time that every man truly have the same; no bars, no chains, equal access and barrier free. Join us, are you ready?”

A diverse staff from around the globe have been meeting regularly since early February to prepare for this groundbreaking weekend training program, with the intention of providing

similar Gateway trainings regularly around the world. The **Barrier Free NWTAs** is designed to allow men of varying physical abilities to experience a breakthrough weekend of connection, understanding, and empowerment.

The Full-Leader of the training, Greg Gondron, is no stranger to Gateway NWTAs. He has been instrumental in foundingGBTQ and Deaf/Hard of hearing NWTAs and has been leading them nationwide for years. Greg said, "Each of us has a unique story, one to be witnessed and shared. We are creating a training for men to examine barriers, real or imagined, while discovering their gifts, value, and abilities in a safe, compassionate space."

The Mankind Project is a global nonprofit organization inclusive of men of all backgrounds, orientations, ages, faiths, no faiths, and now, varying abilities and challenges.

For info on on how you or a loved one can participate contact Dan Schou at [danschou@q.com](mailto:danschou@q.com) or call 307-690-8498. Men can register online: [NWTAs.MKP.org](http://NWTAs.MKP.org)