

Success Through Scriptures

Retreat Information

www.stsretreats.org

info@stsretreats.org

(612) 867-8469 Or (612) 418-6584

Our Ministry:

The Success Through Scriptures' ministry is designed with both the older and younger (men and boys) outdoorsmen in mind. While there is plenty of adventure as well as physical challenge, there is also a more relaxed atmosphere than you will find at many retreats. We feel it is important for all ages to have time to build relationships with each other and to grow in "grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus," (2 Peter 3:18) Because of this we don't adhere to rigid schedules, but try to live life to the fullest as our Creator presents it to us each day.

The heart of our ministry is designed to glorify God, by holding out the Word of God as the source of Truth and Wisdom and to provide an outdoor adventure, like fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and camping. Every retreat is geared to the experience level of the group. Participants have the opportunity to choose what type of retreat they wish to take, and they become instrumental in planning and carrying out the retreat. In the process they grow in understanding and appreciation of their own abilities, and learn how to work well with others to accomplish a common goal. Participants also learn low impact outdoor skills and how to live in harmony with our natural environment. For Success Through Scripture retreats no prior experience or training is needed.

Can Anyone Come To Success Through Scriptures Retreats?

We recommend participants (men and boys) be at least age 8 when accompanied by relative or age 14 to attend unaccompanied. If questions arise as to the suitability of Success through Scriptures Retreats for you or your child, please contact us.

Is Biblical Knowledge Required to Attend any STS Retreats?

No biblical knowledge is required to attend. We encourage participants with little or no biblical knowledge to attend.

What is the Cost?

For 2013 the cost for most retreats ranges from US\$525 to US\$725 (subject to change) per person depending on location, accommodation and group size. All food, (*on certain retreats, food cost not included*), lodging, boats, motors, canoes & paddles are covered. Basically everything except your own incidentals, transportation, or personal items is covered.

What Should I Bring?

Each retreat will have its own list. A general list can be found on the application form and web site.

How is this program funded and what can I do to help?

Success Through Scriptures is an evangelical, interdenominational ministry. We are a faith based ministry dependent on the prayers and gifts of donors. All gifts given to Success Through Scriptures are tax deductible. This ministry depends on significant donations and gifts from individuals, corporations, and others to sustain its programs. Your donation helps us maintain the general operations of Success through Scriptures. In addition gifts can be given that can be used as scholarships in helping others attend who others wise might not be able. We encourage you to consider 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT) "You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully."

Safety:

Successes Through Scriptures Guides are knowledgeable but not certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR, but extensive safety precautions are followed. Remember that we are in a remote wilderness area where access to professional medical care may take several hours or even longer in some circumstances.

Special Group Sessions: If you want to plan a special session for your group, please contact us.

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ADULT REGISTRATION

Success Through Scriptures Retreats · 2852 Century Trail, Chanhassen, MN 55317

Session Choice _____ Alternate Session Choice _____

Name _____ Nickname _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Date of Birth _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Would you like to receive communication by email? Yes No

How did you hear about Success Through Scriptures? (Please check all that apply) Brochure Friend Newspaper
 Internet School Church Member Other _____ (which paper?) _____

**IMPORTANT CANADIAN BORDER
CROSSING RESTRICTIONS!**

**Anyone with felony/DWI convictions
must meet special Canadian
requirements or will be disallowed:**

Please check with Success through
Scriptures Staff **for contact information.**

Enrollment Agreement:

I wish to enroll in the session at Success Through Scriptures as described in your brochure and Base Camp documents. I have read the program description and understand the requirements for participants. Permission is granted:

* To the medical personnel selected by the Success Through Scriptures staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order anesthesia or surgery for me.

* For Success Through Scriptures to use for promotional purposes any photos or videos taken of me while involved in Success through Scriptures programs.

Signature

Date

Preparing For Camp

Clothing/Equipment

Retreats are hard on clothing and equipment. Portage trails are uneven, weather can change abruptly, and teens are very active. Consider each item carefully as you pack. Is it durable? What would happen if it were torn, lost, or damaged? For any canoe retreat, campers' personal gear and sleeping bags should be packed together in waterproof packs. All personal belongings should be plainly marked for identification. **Please bring only two pieces of luggage: a sleeping bag and one duffel bag.**

Please Bring:

Sleeping bag Bible/Need one? We'll provide.	Sleeping bag
Medications	
Pad/Air Mattress	2 pairs of pants
2 pairs shorts	Underwear for 5 days
3 shirts	Socks for 5 days
1 or 2 sweatshirts	Warm jacket
2 piece durable raingear	2 pair shoes (at least 1 pair sturdy tennis shoes)
Brimmed cap or hat	Swim suit
1 Towel	Flashlight (and extra batteries)
Sunscreen (minimum SPF 15)	Chap stick (minimum SPF 15)
Toiletry Kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, personal Hygiene products)	Insect repellent (no more than 30% D.E.E.T.) A smiley face!
Fishing gear - rod & reel, (we will be fishing for walleyes, smallmouth bass and northern pike)	

Optional Items:

Notebook/pen or pencil for "journaling"
Camera
Sunglasses

Prohibited Items:

- Weapons, fireworks, firecrackers and other hazardous materials (pocket-knives or filet knives are acceptable so long as they are used appropriately).
- Alcohol/drugs and tobacco products are prohibited. Any of the above items, or other inappropriate or hazardous items brought to camp will be confiscated.

Lost and Found

We strongly recommend bringing no valuable items that are not of direct use in the program (e.g. cameras and fishing gear are fine, but expensive jewelry should be avoided). Success Through Scriptures is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. If you think you are missing an item when you return home, you may call Success Through Scriptures at (612) 867-8469.

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CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH FORM

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This form is essential for participant's safety. Please fill it out completely.

CAMPER'S NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS _____
(No. and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PARENT NAME(S) [If minor] _____ PHONE NO. _____

DOCTOR/CLINIC _____ CLINIC PHONE NO. _____

OTHER PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: _____

HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER _____ POLICY # _____

HEALTH HISTORY

Do you have a history of (check if "yes")?

Immunization History

<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Back Problems	Last Year	Vaccination	Disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Convulsions/Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	Given	Dates	Yes/No
<input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothaches	Tetanus _____	Measles _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney/Bladder Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic Fever	Diphtheria _____	Mumps _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Stomach Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	Polio _____	Rubella _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronchitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Draining Ears		Pertussis _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Bed Wetting			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/> Migraines			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eating Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Sight or Hearing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Pr	<input type="checkbox"/> oblems			

If "yes" to any of the above, please explain:

Are you currently taking any medication? If yes, describe:

Have you ever required psychiatric counseling or hospitalization? If yes, describe:

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Insects Clothing Penicillin Other
 Poison Ivy Food Other Medications

If "yes" to any of the above, please describe the allergic reaction and how it is treated:

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(For all minor applicants, when unaccompanied by parent or guardian.)

This form is to be filled out by a physician. The applicant may be participating in a strenuous camping program sometimes including a canoe trip that entails several hours of paddling each day, and portaging. It is important that Success Through Scriptures be made aware if the applicant has any health conditions that would hinder his/her ability to participate fully in the Success Through Scriptures program.

PHYSICIAN IS ASKED TO COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE FORM

THE NAMED CAMP APPLICANT HAS BEEN EXAMINED WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS. YES NO

DATE: _____

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ BLOOD PRESSURE _____

SIGNIFICANT PAST HISTORY: YES NO . IF YES, EXPLAIN: _____

CURRENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS: YES NO . IF YES, EXPLAIN: _____

ANY ABNORMALITIES ON PHYSICAL EXAM OR LAB REPORT: YES NO . IF YES, EXPLAIN: _____

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAMPER: YES NO . IF YES, EXPLAIN: _____

I have examined this person and reviewed his/her health history and conclude that he can participate in all camp activities except as noted above.

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR A MINOR

The above health history is correct as far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in wilderness camp activities as presented in the information letter except as noted. **AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT:** I give permission to Success Through Scriptures to obtain medical assistance in the event of an emergency. This permission will include the administration of medicines, surgical treatment, X-ray examination or hospitalization as might be ordered by a licensed medical doctor. I release and discharge Success Through Scriptures, Its Trustees, employees, and agents from any liability for any first aid rendered or treatment performed pursuant of this consent. This completed form may be photocopied to take on the retreat and will serve the same authority as the original signed document.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

AGREEMENT TO RELEASE ALL CLAIMS

Adult

AGREEMENT TO RELEASE ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURY OR DEATH TO ME OR ANY MINOR CHILD OF MINE THAT ACCOMPANIES ME, AND TO PROTECT SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES, INC. A MINNESOTA NON PROFIT CORPORATION, ITS EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY SUCH CLAIMS WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT.

- I, _____, being 18 years of age or older, have decided to participate in the activities of Success Though Scriptures, Ministry, including fishing retreats and any other Success through Scriptures sponsored activity.
- I have made this choice in recognition and appreciation that there will be known and unknown risks, dangers and hazards which could injure or kill me which may be encountered in the above mentioned ACTIVITY, which may include or result from the negligence, gross negligence or recklessness of Success Though Scriptures, or any other people involved with this activity. With this in mind, I DO HEREBY VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS which I may encounter during my participation in, and transportation to, from or as a part of, the ACTIVITY. In addition, I declare that I intend to be financially responsible for any death or injury that may occur to me (or my minor child) during or as a result of such participation or transportation.
- FURTHER, IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES, ITS EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL LIABILITY AND CLAIMS OF ANYKIND, INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR LOSS, EXPENSE, DAMAGES, PUNITIVE DAMAGES OR ATTORNEY FEES, WHICH MAY ARISE ON ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL INJURY TO ME OR MY DEATH, INCLUDING EMOTIONAL DISTRESS TO ME OR LOSS OF COMPANIONSHIP OR SUPPORT TO MY FAMILY, OCCURING DURING OR AS A RESULT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN, OR TRANSPORTATION TO, FROM OR AS A PART OF, THIS ACTIVITY (CLAIMS). THIS RELEASE APPLIES EVEN IF MY INJURY OR DEATH IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR RECKLESSNESS OF RELEASED PARTIES.
- FURTHER, I PROMISE TO INDEMNIFY SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES, ITS EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS, AND PAY ITS COSTS OF DEFENSE, IF CLAIMS ARE BROUGHT BY ME AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES TO RECOVER MONEY DAMAGES RELEATED TO INJURIES OR DEATH TO ME. THIS PROMISE APPLIES EVEN IF MY INJURY OR DEATH IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR RECKLESSNESS OF RELEASED PARTIES.
- I acknowledge that I have read the Success Through Scriptures, Inc. Reservation, Cancellation and Late Payment Policy.
- I acknowledge that I have read the Agreement to Release All Claims form.
- I agree to refrain from using any profanity language.
- I acknowledge that I will participate in a daily Bible study.
- I agree to abstain from possessing or using any alcohol, drugs or tobacco product while on an Success through Scriptures sponsored event.
- I agree to allow Success through Scriptures to use any photos or videos taken of me while involved in STS programs, for promotional purposes.
- I have entered into this AGREEMENT of the basis of my own information and not in reliance upon representation of SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES, ITS EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS or other released parties. I understand that I have the right to consult an attorney of my choice before signing. I further understand that this document contains the entire agreement and no oral or written agreements limiting or modifying the effect of the terms of this AGREEMENT exist.
- I agree that if any part of this agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason; the balance of the agreement remains valid and enforceable.
- I give permission to Success through Scriptures to obtain medical assistance in the event of an emergency. This permission will include the administration of medicines, surgical treatment, X-ray examination or hospitalization as might be ordered by a licensed medical doctor. I release and discharge Success through Scriptures, Its Trustees, employees, and agents from any liability for any first aid rendered or treatment performed pursuant of this consent. This completed form may be photocopied to take on the retreat and will serve the same authority as the original signed document.
- I acknowledge that my personal possessions are subject to inspection by Canadian and US customs. In addition I assume all responsibility for the contents of my personal luggage and possessions.
- I agree that Success Through Scriptures, Inc. has the right to ask me to leave the retreat if I violate any of the above rules.
- I INTEND THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS AND WILL BE BINDING ON MY FAMILY, ESTATE, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, INSURERS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.
- By my signature, I represent that I have knowingly and voluntarily signed this AGREEMENT with the intent that it be a legally binding document designed to protect SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES, INC. IT'S EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS and other RELEASED PARTIES from all CLAIMS which could be brought by myself or anyone else on account of injury or death to me, regardless of cause or fault.

****Notarized****

SIGNATURE: _____

Print Name _____

Tel # of Applicant: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC Signed in my presence this ____ [day of month] day of ____ [month], 20 ____ [signature of Notary] [printed name of Notary] My commission expires: _____, 20 ____ [seal]

SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES, INC.
RESERVATION, CANCELLATION AND LATE PAYMENT
POLICY
(FOR CROW DUCK LAKE RETREATS ONLY)

Reservations and payments should be made as far in advance as possible, as these retreats sometimes fill fast. A 50% payment is required 150 days before retreat date to confirm reservations. Full payment is due 120 days prior to retreat date.

Retreat payments or deposits are non-refundable. We are unable to give refunds because once we have made the commitment for the retreat facilities we are financially obligated to that retreat date and location. Partial refunds are not given for any reason including early departure, late arrival, illness or weather-related causes. Retreats are made regardless of the weather. We suggest the following options if you must cancel.

1. First, find another qualified person to replace you. However, they will still need to go through the application process and be approved by Success Through Scriptures, Inc.
2. Secondly, you may direct your funds to Success Through Scriptures, Inc. ministry, which then a tax deductible receipt will be issued.

STS Staff: **Very Important...**

1. Give a copy of this policy to participant before he signs the **Cancellation and Late Payment Agreement**
2. Have participant sign agreement to release all claims form before he signs the Cancellation and Late Payment Agreement.

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We have a very strict cancellation and late payment policy for Crow Duck Lake retreats, because once we have made the commitment for the retreat facilities we are financially obligated to that retreat date and location. Cancellation for other retreats, while discouraged, can be more flexible.

(FOR CROW DUCK LAKE RETREATS ONLY) CANCELLATION AND LATE PAYMENT AGREEMENT

I _____ being 18 years of age and older acknowledge that I have read and received a copy of the Success Through Scriptures reservation, cancellation and late payment policy. (See Success Through Scriptures Reservation, Cancellation and Late Payment Policy separate from this agreement).

I acknowledge that I fully understand this cancellation and late payment policy agreement and that I fully understand that I, personally, am responsible for any financial losses due to my cancellation and/or due to late payment of a Success Through Scriptures retreat. (See payment dates below). I acknowledge I will lose 100% of any payment or deposit made if a payment is overdue, or if I cancel my retreat, and if a qualified replacement person approved by Success Through Scriptures is not found to take my cancellation place.

My total retreat cost is \$_____. My retreat date is:_____.

50% deposit made \$_____. Approximately 150 days before retreat date of:_____.

Final payment is due:_____ in the amount of \$_____. (Which is approximately 120 days before the retreat date of _____).

Total payment, date made: _____. Amount: \$_____

Payments are made by checks only made payable to **Success Through Scriptures, Inc.**
(A Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation)

By my signature below, I represent that I have knowingly and voluntarily signed this Agreement with the intent that it be a legally binding document.

Retreat Participant Signature Above

STS Staff Member Signature

Print Name Above

Date:_____

Date:_____

(STS Staff: Give one copy of this agreement to participant. Make copy of check and attach to this agreement.)

STS Retreat Ministry

FAQ's

What does this ministry do?

We mentor men and young men in God's ways by using God's Word as our instruction Book, while learning together what it means to be men of character, integrity, and discipline.

How can my life be impacted?

The bottom line is: it's not just the trip. It is the cementing of relationships of men and families who will always treasure this special time studying God's word. It is the strong bonding of fathers and sons and grandpas and grandsons. It is about the bonding of men and young men who attend church together throughout the year. It is becoming life-long friends because we spend time together in activities that challenge us, that help us to realize the magnificence of God's creation, and that bring us joy and happiness because we are seeking God's wisdom together!

What is your mission statement? Your statement of faith?

The Success Through Scriptures (STS) ministry is an organization of outdoor enthusiasts who love to fish, canoe, and camp. We, by personal experience, have learned that only through God and His Word is any true success possible. Our purpose is to mentor men through the scriptures.

Specific goals related to the Success Through Scriptures Mission include:

- Honor God through all of our experiences and relationships.
- Promote the Bible as the source of Truth and Wisdom.
- Instill in campers a sense of the beauty, awe and wonder of God's creation.
- Show campers how to "live, laugh, love and learn" together during a wilderness adventure.
- Challenge each person to learn new skills and/or develop existing skills.

Our statement of faith may be found at; www.stsretreats.org.

Are you affiliated with a church or denomination?

No, STS is An Evangelical Interdenominational Ministry

What activities do you do? What is a typical day like?

Bible study, fishing, sleeping, eating, swimming if you don't mind cold water, picking blueberries in season, hiking, solving the world's problems. A typical daily itinerary can be found here.

Camping and canoeing are too physically demanding. Do you have alternatives?

Yes we do. If you just want to get away for a restful, peaceful trip, cabin trips are available. Dock fishing can be very productive, and the resort compound is a very private, quiet place. If you want a guide or assistant for fishing or just some help getting around, we can provide some assistance for you.

I'm in my 70's or 80's, how physically demanding are these trips?

Some of our trips are based 100% out of the cabins with no camping, canoeing, or hiking required. If we can get you from the cabin to the boat, we think you will have quite a good time!

Will I catch any fish? See any wildlife?

We certainly hope so; we'll estimate a 99.9% chance of catching fish, but you have to put your line in the water! Moose, deer, bear, eagles, wolves, and other birds and animals have been observed. Deer and bear sometimes come into camp to visit the feeding trough!

What are the accommodations like?

We think they are excellent. Some of our wives have been here and give them good ratings.

What do I need to bring?

Please refer to our application package of an up to date list.

What kind of food will we be eating?

At the cabin we eat fish, hamburger, hot dogs, French fries, lettuce salad, fruit snacks, cereal. When we camp we'll get a good selection of delicious, easy to prepare, lightweight foods. If diet is a concern give us a call and we can give you a more specific as we get closer to the trip.

I don't read the bible much; will I still be able to join in the study / discussions?

Sure. And by the way, we can all benefit from reading the Bible more – you are not alone!

How long is the ride?

10 ½ hours from Minneapolis metro area.

How many campers go on a trip?

Usually 9 to 16.

I don't have a son, grandson nor buddy, will I be all alone?

Consider giving us a call. This may be an opportunity to make a new friend. We may have someone who would be a good fit that also walks life in this way. Schach and Shep are always looking for new acquaintances that we hope can become good friends.

Where can I find more information? What forms do I need to fill out?

See our web material here: www.stsretreats.org (Brochure), (Youth Application), (Adult Application). Email us at info@stsretreats.org. Call 952-856-6070

How much does a trip cost? What is covered in the cost?

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Transportation and Cost:

A few weeks before the departure date transportation details will be decided. Typically 2 or more of the retreat members drive their own vehicles. The cost is shared by all that are riding in the vehicle together. The average cost for each occupant in one SUV/truck with 4 passengers is approximately \$40.00 round trip.

My friend would like to go, but financially it's a challenge. Do you offer scholarships?

It is our desire that no one is turned away because of financial reasons, but we can only provide scholarships when money is available. Give us a call to discuss a partial or fully funded scholarship.

Would we have access to the outside world? Phone availability?

We generally carry a satellite phone and some cell service is available. The general number for Crow Duck Lake camp is (204)-222-7307. Bill Kolansky is the owner / manager.

What about emergency medical help?

The nearest medical facility is 2 to 6 hours away depending on how deep in the wilderness we are at the time.

How do I pay for my trip? I want to support this ministry financially. How can I make a donation?

A check made out to Success Through Scriptures mailed to;

STS
2852 Century Trail,
Chanhassen, MN 55317

What happens after the Retreat?

We'll try to get you plugged in. We'll stay in touch & we'll get together periodically. We will encourage you to get active in the youth group or men's group at your church. If one-on-one mentoring can help, give us a call & we'll try to link you up with a mentor. From time to time we all may face challenges in our life such as financial, relationships, temptations, or loneliness. The STS ministry wants to help you through these challenges. We have personal experience in these areas and would talk openly and confidentially with you. Maybe we know a counselor with a specialty in your areas of concern to which we could refer you. We just want to help any way we can.