



On your mark, get set....FISH!

At the very least, save your spot in the boat if you want an amazing Canadian fishing adventure in June 2026!

Great news! The dates are set for the Crow Duck Lake Camp experience – and you won't find a better value in Canada. This is the reason our trips fill so quickly! Thanks to our strong relationship with the resort, we are in a position to offer a low price for anyone that pays a **\$300 deposit by February 1st, 2026** (non-refundable but fully transferable).

NOTE: first-deposit, first-serve!

Price for **Trip 1 (June 19-23)** is \$990. Price for **Trip 2 (June 22-June 26)** is \$890. (Prices include meals, housing, boats, and dock service!) Check out the attached flyer for all the details!!

NOTE: **A similar trip like ours at other Canadian fishing resorts cost \$500 to \$700 more than our prices.** Check it out for yourselves.

Take home limit is 2 walleye, 4 pike and 2 bass. That's super exciting, especially for guys who can't make the hike over to Saddle Lake. Even more exciting, you can expect to catch a lot of walleyes...and smallies...and pike, too!

If you want to come, sign up soon! At these rates, spots should fill faster than ever.

Interested? Getting in the boat to Crow Duck is easy as ONE-TWO-THREE!

STEP ONE: EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST. Email Mike Schachterle at mwswisdom@yahoo.com ASAP with your intentions and questions. Be sure to indicate if you are planning on coming with anyone.

STEP TWO: MAKE YOUR DOWN PAYMENT of \$300. Make checks payable to: "SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES" and mail to: Mike Schachterle, 2852 Century Trail, Chanhassen, MN 55317. (You are not oFISHially confirmed until your deposit is received.)

STEP THREE: COMPLETE YOUR PAPERWORK. See attached Release of Claims Form. Sign form with a Notary Public and have it Notarized.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Even if you can't join us in 2026 or need more time to decide, please let me know if you are at all interested, so that we can plan accordingly. Thanks!

God's best to you all!
Mike Schachterle [612-867-8469](tel:612-867-8469)

"Every day is a gift from God. Enjoy it and use it to bless others."



WANTED: Twenty men and boys (need not be experienced but must be dedicated!) to join us for what could be the fishing adventure of a lifetime! The trip is sponsored by *Success Through Scriptures*, a ministry encouraging men through expeditions into the Creator's great outdoors. Based out of the only resort on a pristine, ten-mile long Canadian lake, you'll enjoy lots of time on the water as well as daily "fishing" adventures in Proverbs. Add to this delicious meals, quality boats, excellent dock service, and lots and lots of fish! (We boated 2000+ in 2016!)

TRIP #1 June 19-23 Three and a half days of fantastic fishing! Departing early morning Friday, June 19, fishing all day Saturday, all day Sunday, all day Monday. Departing early morning Tuesday, June 23.

Cost: \$990

TRIP #2 June 22-June 26 Three days of fantastic fishing! Departing early morning Monday, June 22 to stay at Calvary Camp, fishing all day Tuesday, fishing all day Wednesday, fishing until 6pm Thursday. Departing early morning Friday, June 26.

Cost: \$890

FEES: Prices quoted above are based on two full sessions of ten men each and are subject to change until the full fee is paid. Fees include launch transportation to camp, comfortable accommodations in modern cabins (linens supplied), delicious food at the Camp, fully- equipped boats with newer motors, and exceptional dock service. Each fisherman will be responsible for his own tackle, bait, and license, as well as meals and travel expenses to and from Canada. Detailed packing, rigging, and travel instructions will be provided well in advance of each trip. **IMPORTANT: PASSPORT/PASSPORT CARD REQUIRED.** Allow 2 months for the application process.

RESERVATIONS: \$300 deposit (non-refundable but fully transferable) is required to hold a spot along with a **notarized release statement** (see "**adult camper packet**" and "**FAQ**" at www.stsretreats.org and for reservations, cancellation and late payment policy). **Balance due Feb 1, 2026** (NOTE: first-come, first-serve). Make checks payable to "*Success Through Scriptures*" (see page 1 for address).



Crow Duck is the largest lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park (eastern Manitoba) about 100 miles north of the US border and two hours east of Winnipeg. Since there are no roads to Crow Duck, owner Bill Kolansky will pick us up on Big Whiteshell Lake. From there it's a two-mile boat ride to a private trail that leads to the camp which is the only property on the lake. The two-mile truck ride through wilderness bush country is a refreshing end to the journey and an exciting beginning to our fishing adventure. Crow Duck is a remote lake with no roads, no private cabins, and nothing but fantastic fishing and spectacular scenery.

WALLEYES Crow Duck Lake has awesome fishing! Expect to catch large numbers of quality fish (average 19- 20"). If you choose to, you can join us as we hike to **Saddle Lake** (1.25 m portage) to fish as conditions warrant. Plan on taking fish home as well as enjoying a fresh fish dinner. Saddle Lake is an amazing lake to fish and has been a gold mine for walleyes (20"+ common!).

SMALLMOUTH "If you are after lunker bass, Crow Duck Lake is your dream come true!" says the owner. "Bass fishing is fantastic here, in cool or hot weather. Most of our customers come here for excellent bass fishing. Expect to catch lots of nice bass and you have an excellent chance of finding a 'Master Angler Award' (18" or more) bass here." The lake has excellent bass habitat with 75 miles of rocky shoreline, underwater rock piles, and many weed beds. Two group members earned Master Angler honors in 2017. We proved last year that Saddle Lake has big smallies, too!

NORTHERN PIKE several 30+ inch pike boated in previous years, biggest was 40"

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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.
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- 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 ____

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Minor Child

AGREEMENT TO RELEASE ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURY OR DEATH TO MY MINOR CHILD, AND TO PROTECT Success Through Scriptures MINISTRY, ITS EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY SUCH CLAIMS WHICH MAY BE BROUGHT.

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**** The Following Must be Witnessed by a Notary Public ****

Parent / Guardian (SIGNATURE)

Parent / Guardian Name (PRINTED)

Tel # of Parent / Guardian

NOTARY PUBLIC

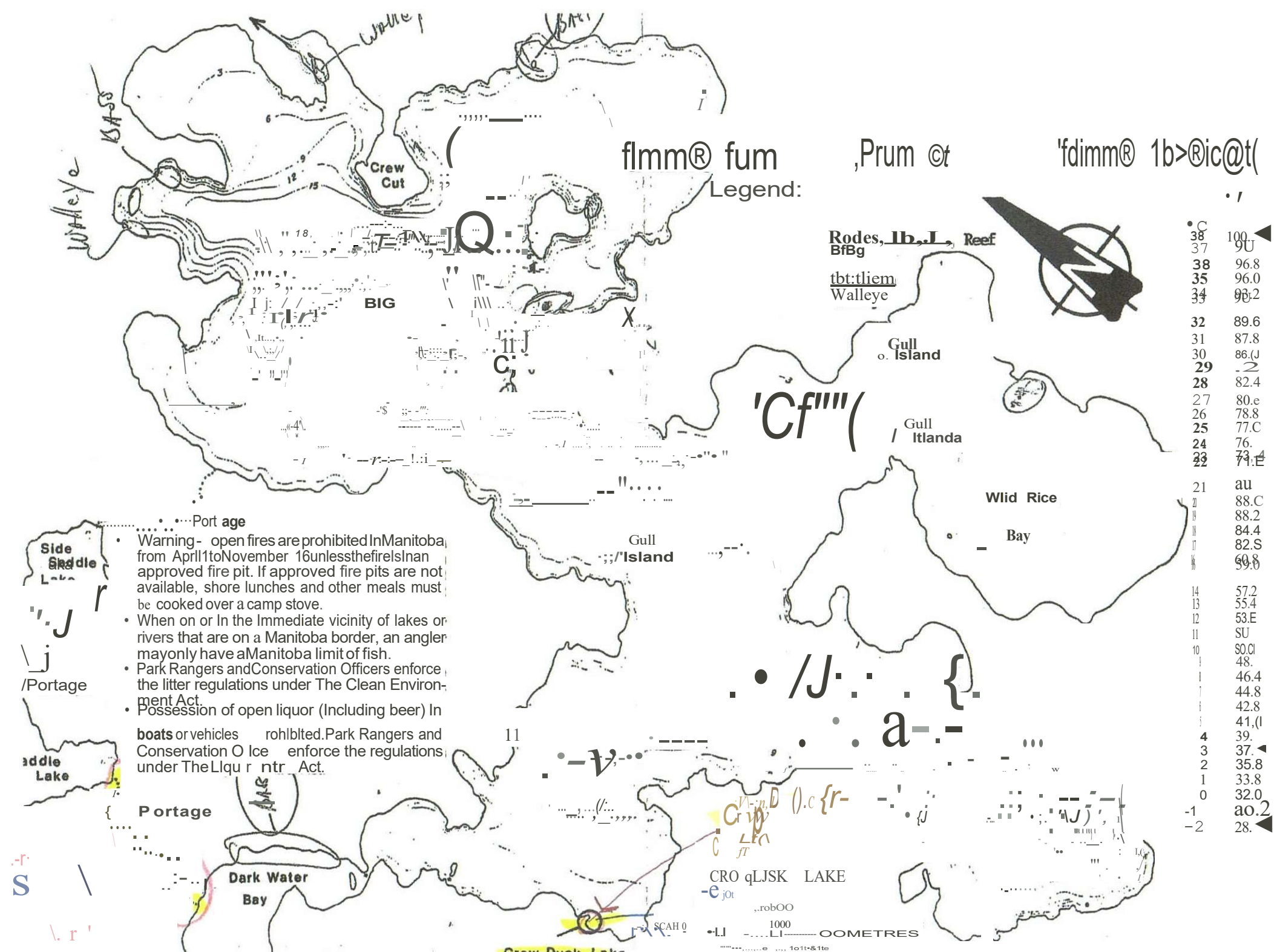
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My commission expires: _____, 20 ____

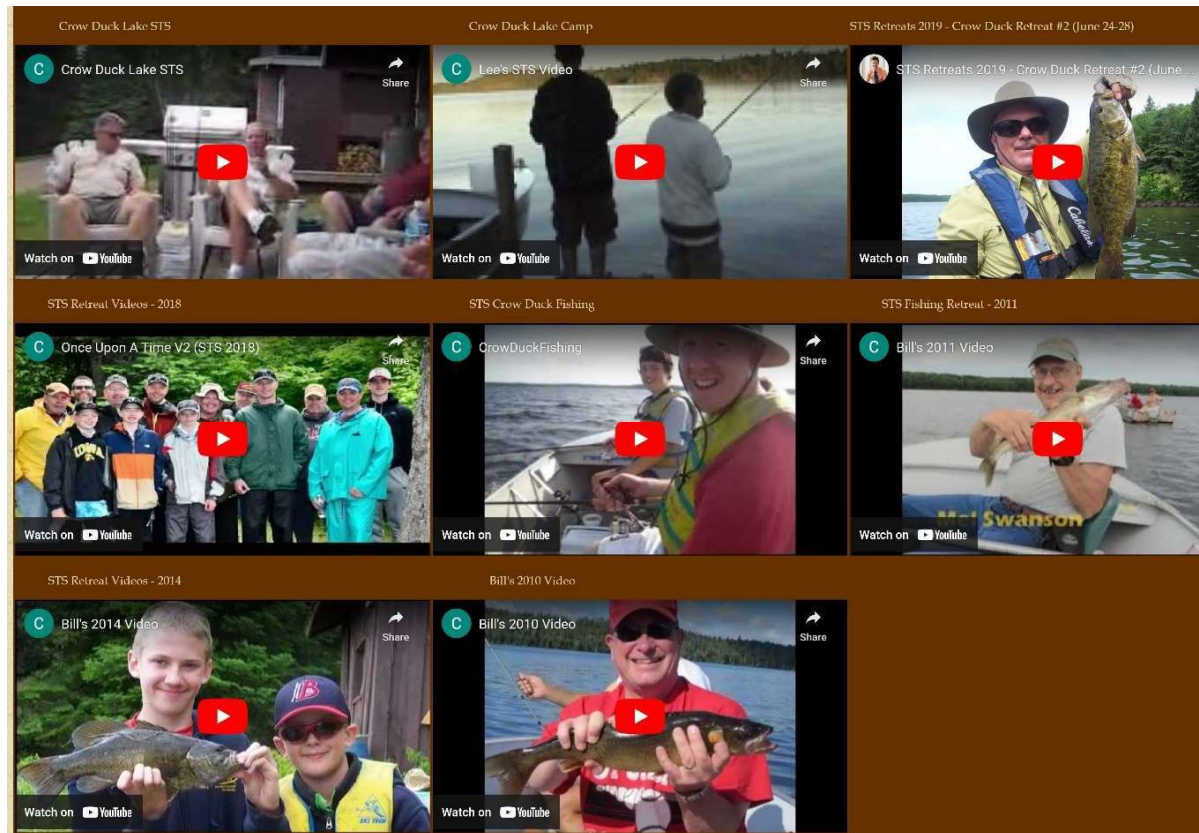
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FISHING VIDEOS

Play 8 fishing videos from our website STSRETREATS.ORG, or we have a DVD with the 8 fishing videos.

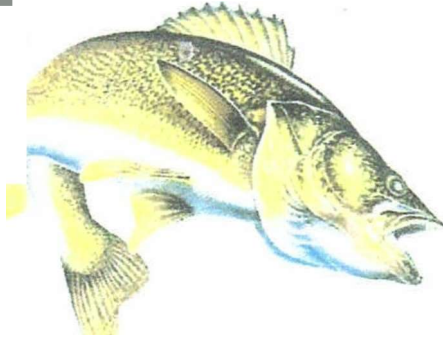
Call for a video at 612-867-8469.



Also we have a 1 day fishing flyin (as you will see on the video) to Saddle Lake a Portage Lake, for approximately \$150.00 extra.

Or you can walk in, approximately 1 mile. Not an easy walk. Ask Mike.

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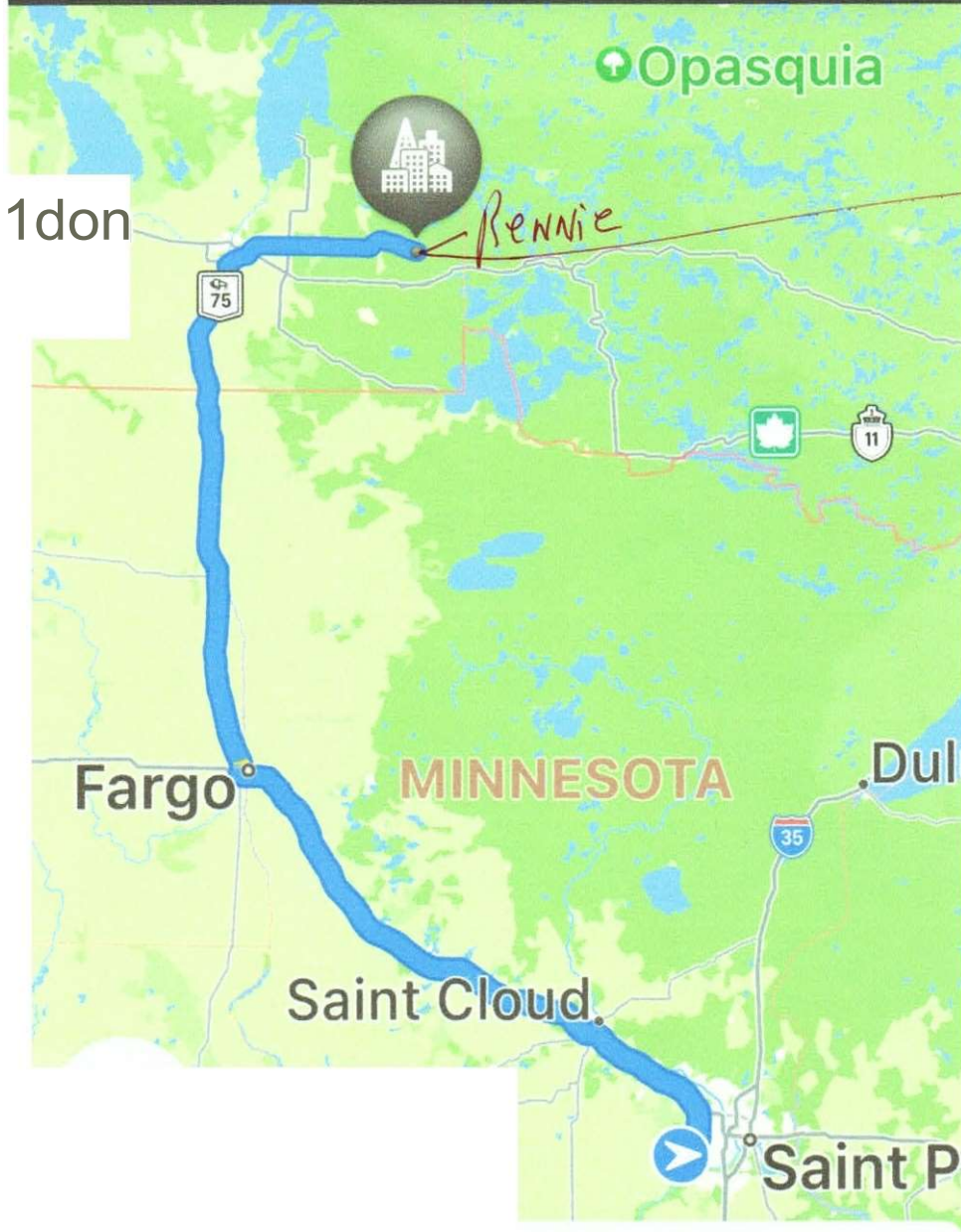
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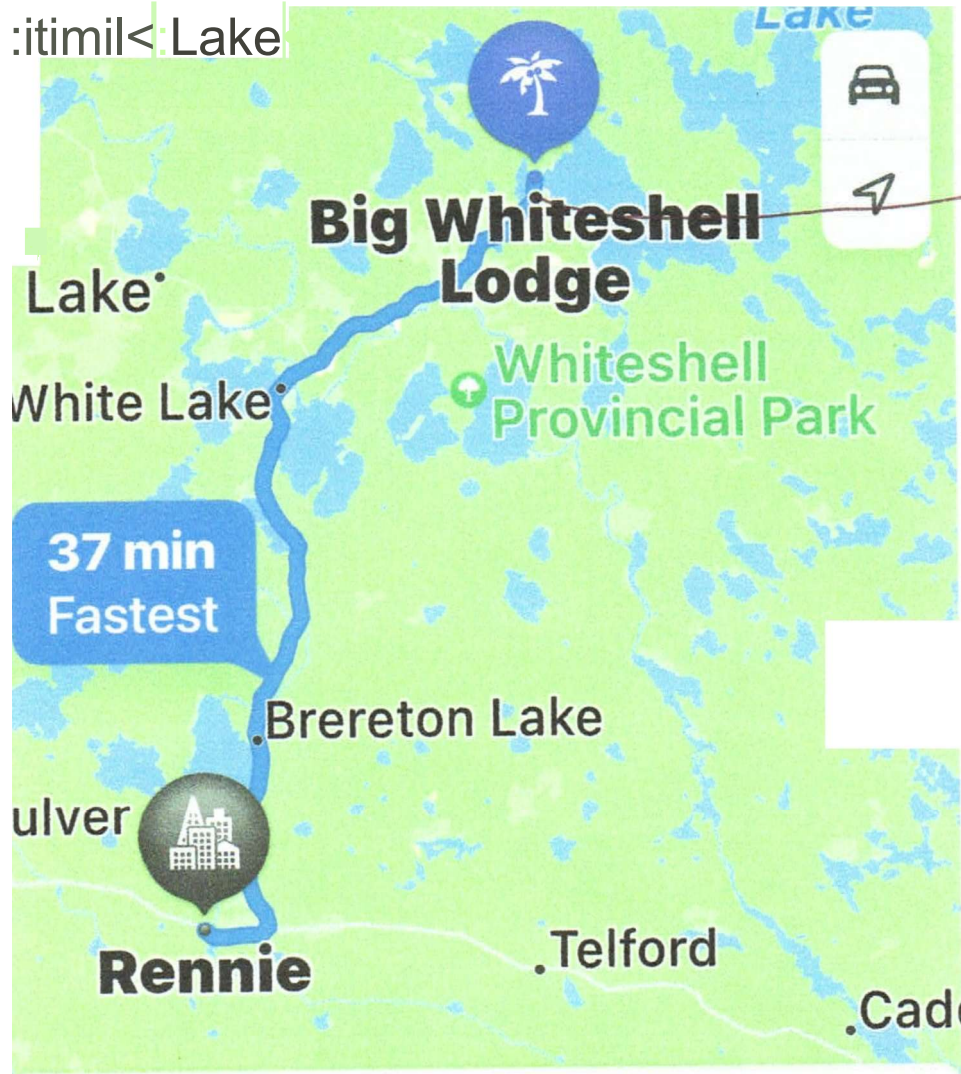
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Getting to Camp

- Crow Duck Lake Camp is only accessible by portage. There is a pick up point at Big Whiteshell Lake in Whiteshell Provincial Park. A staff member from the camp will meet you there. You will park your vehicle there and board a barge to begin your adventure.

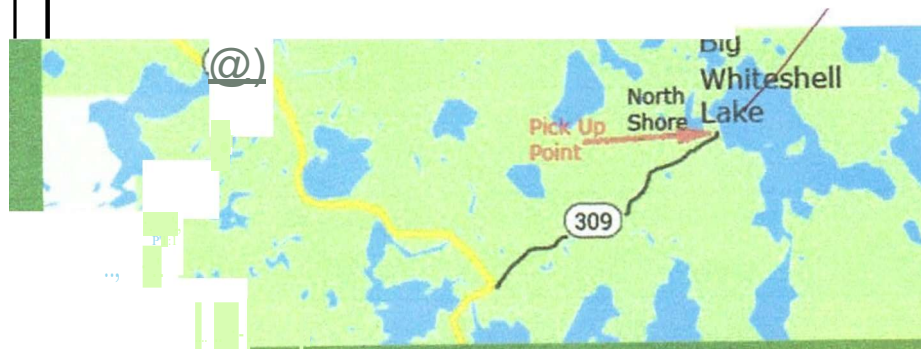
Here is how you get to the pick up point:

1. Head west from Kenora or east from Winnipeg on Highway 44 to get to the pick-up spot. Just east of a small town named Rennie you will come to an intersection.
2. Turn north on highway 307 at that intersection. Stay on the highway for about 11 miles, then turn right (northeast) on 309.
3. Stay on Highway 309 for about 6 miles. This road takes you to Big Whiteshell Lake.
4. Look for a boat landing at the end of the road, as that is the pick-up point.
5. If you have called ahead there will likely be a Crow Duck Lake Camp barge waiting along with someone ready to load your gear.
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Map to Crow Duck Lake Camp



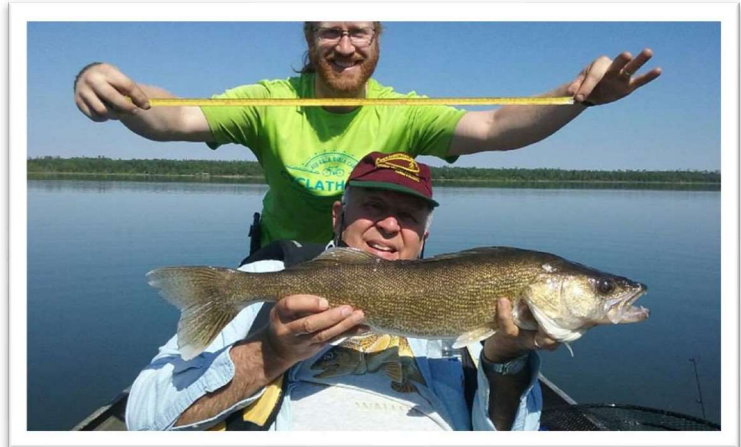
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Proudly owned and operated by

Fantastic Walleye Fishing in Manitoba, Canada with Success Through Scriptures Ministry

Our guide pre fishes the lakes 1 or 2 days before we get there to see if the fish are active (biting) and the type of bait or lure used and the location on the lake.

Before we get to Canada, our guide will also give us his live GPS location on the lakes on our iPhones so we can see his live location and do live Facetime, watching him catching walleyes and smallmouth bass at the rate sometimes of catching a fish every 2 minutes.



Mike is holding a 29 ¼ inch Walleye – June 2019

In June 2022, I did live Facetime for 7 minutes with Titus our guide and I saw him catch 3 walleyes during that time! What a great job he does!

On one of the portage lakes in 2019 with 2 days of fishing, we caught approximately 250 walleyes. That wasn't unusual, but the average size of walleye was VERY UNUSUAL!

AVERAGE SIZE WALLEYE - 25 INCHES

We got 6 walleyes over 28 inches in 2 days!

- I got a 29", 28", 27"
- Two 26"
- Many 25"
- Many 24"

Please give me a call with any questions

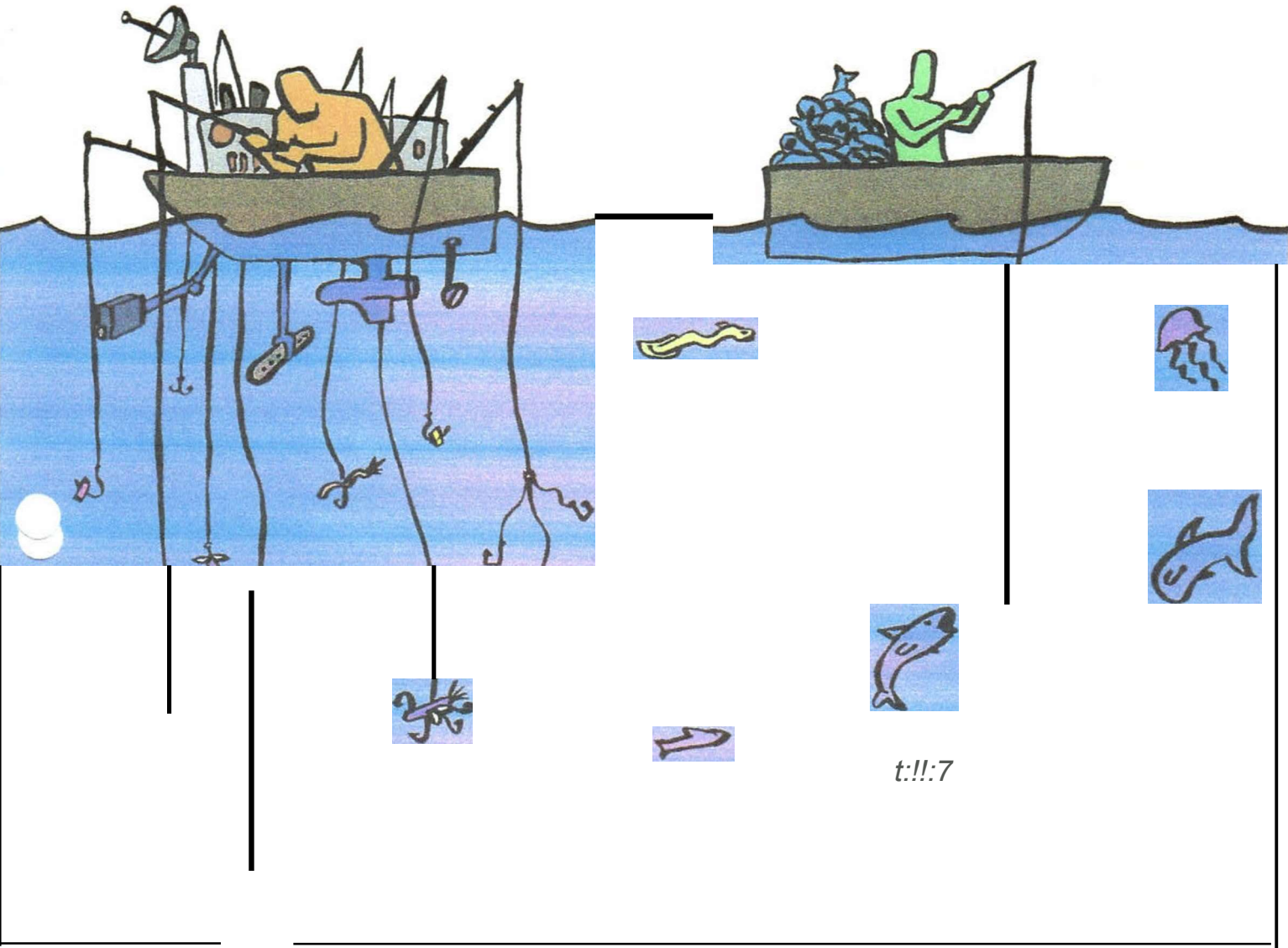
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The **guy on the RIGHT** IS
a Success Through Scriptures
fisherman.

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Outdoor Adventures



SUCCESS THROUGH SCRIPTURES

"STS is an interdenominational ministry whose purpose is to mentor men and boys in Godly wisdom through the scriptures and outdoor adventures"

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God's answer to the problems our great nation faces today.

The Bible is not simply great literature. It is good news for all people everywhere, a message both to be understood, and to be applied to daily life.

One reason for meeting together at church or a retreat is for us to encourage one another; Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us that.



Crow Duck Naming Rights

By Bill Abeler

Fishing was a bit slow one balmy July morning on Crow Duck, due more likely to the guide than the windless conditions. My two fishing partners, Jeff Human and his teenage son, Lucas, were content, but they jumped at the chance for an adventure.

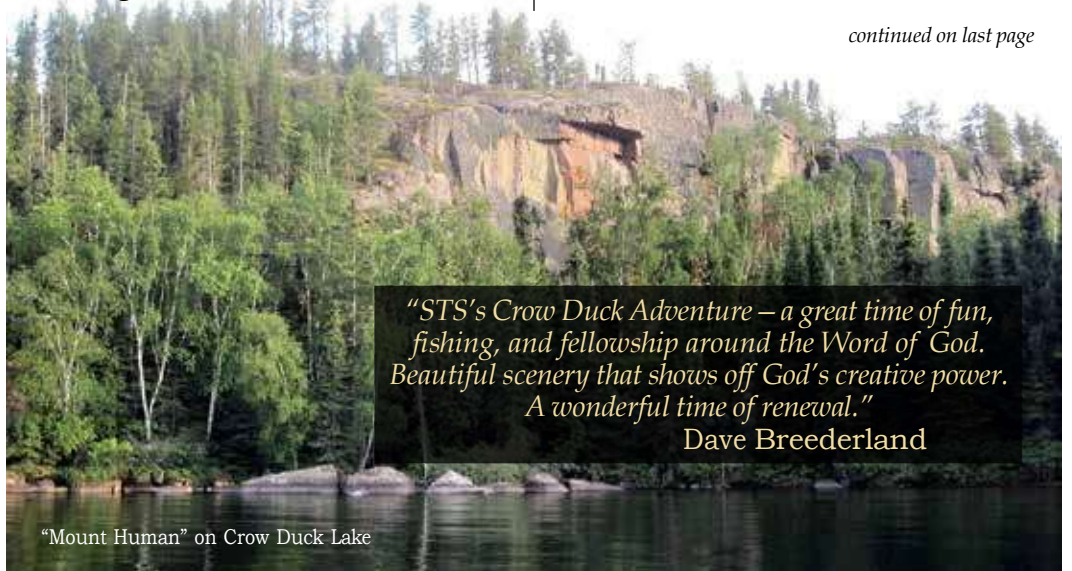
"See that big hill," I asked, pointing to the highest summit on Crow Duck. "Want to be the first ones to climb it?" There was no hesitation. There was also no trail, but we got up there anyway. The view was incredible. So was the achievement. In fact, every year thereafter I'd ask my boat partners, "Hey, anyone want to climb 'Mount Human'?"

Special spots deserve a special name. On another July STS trip, the weather was super-hot with temps one degree short of 100 and humi-

dity one point above. My brother, Dave, and his good friend, Don, were pitching plastic for smallies with much success. In one stretch, Don, dripping wet in sweat, was on fire, hauling in several healthy bronzebacks in succession. The massive shelf of rocks towering above us begged for a name. "Onyshuk Bluff" was the perfect fit.

A few years later, a couple of boats joined me in the bay across from Onyshuk Bluff. The action was ridiculous, with walleyes coming out of the water at times one a minute. On another trip to same hole, a friend and I boated over 100 walleyes in just two hours after dinner! An STS rookie named Cal Otto was especially hot, so much so that the location became famous overnight as "Otto-Matic Point."

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"STS's Crow Duck Adventure – a great time of fun, fishing, and fellowship around the Word of God. Beautiful scenery that shows off God's creative power. A wonderful time of renewal."

Dave Brederland

"Mount Human" on Crow Duck Lake



Mentoring: *fishing for men...with fish*

By Dr. Mel Swanson

if you have experienced a little more of life, a Christian faith, or a specific skill than someone else, than you are in a position to share your experience with someone less fortunate. Throughout my life, I have observed teenagers who are looked up to and emulated by younger school-aged children; or where someone who has been a Christian for several years, has studied the Bible, and grown in his faith can be a big help to a younger Christian.

So what is a mentor? The dictionary definition says its a trusted counselor or guide. As we strive to gain wisdom for our own lives, we can make tremendous contributions by building into relationships with younger people in order to become a trusted friend. Hopefully, when faced with struggles, that the young person turns to a mentor for advice. Whether a dad or grandparent, mentoring occurs first with one's own children, but many younger people need an adult other than their parents to give another perspective.

Many young people are struggling today; anxiety and depression among teens and young adults is near epidemic levels. Pressures from social media, overly busy schedules, and the perceived needs to perform in school, sports, or to keep up with friends weighs heavily on today's youth. Also, there are many important decisions—choosing a career, where to get an education and paying for it, who to marry.

More seriously, this is a time of questioning whether the faith they grew up with is what they should believe and make it their own or not. Many quit going to church after leaving their parents homes, or, while attending college, their faith is attacked, being exposed (indoctrinated) to destructive world-views. Many have

grown up without fathers in the home or divorced parents, leaving hurts and scars. This pain and depression is often dealt with by harming themselves.

There is an urgent, real need for caring adults to mentor younger people. Some of us have experienced a stable family life, with both a mother and a father who loved us—yet many kids don't have that advantage. Previous generations did not have the same pressures as most kids today. Are those differences a hindrance in providing encouragement to a young person?

One of the most important factors in helping a young person is to show you care and carefully listen

to concerns. Having gone through a similar struggle they might be facing can be valuable in giving encouragement and a fresh perspective. One of the best ways to develop such a relationship is to find activities that both adult and young person can enjoy doing together.

So, how does one become a trusted mentor? It does not require a lot of education, money, specific skills, or even have your own act together. For some, it might be volunteering

with a sports team and befriending through interaction. The goal of Success Through Scriptures Ministry is to have caring adults, who love the outdoors and fishing, provide an example of a Christian faith by incorporating scriptural principles into men and boys while enjoying God's creation. Another opportunity is to talk to a youth pastor about your willingness to mentor a youth who might be interested in such a relationship. Not all young people are interested, but some would welcome the opportunity and this can be valuable for both persons involved. It only takes humility and a willingness to listen—then both can learn and grow, sharing experiences and planting seeds of wisdom. • ms



From the STS Founders

*"Be on guard; stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage; be strong."*

1 Cor 16:13

have you ever noticed that most modern Christian ministries in local churches take place within the confines of their walls, usually in the fellowship hall? In the summer of 2005, the Lord impressed upon us to start the ministry now known as **Success Through Scriptures (STS)**.

His encouragement was to have this ministry outside the walls of the church. In the New Testament, we see that Jesus spent a great deal of time outside, and most of his miracles were done outside where the people were. This is not to say that having a ministry inside is wrong. At times weather will prevent going outside. Even with STS we have some indoor fellowship, but most of our activities occur in God's outside classroom. There is something about the freedom one experiences while on a lake in the wilderness. God has given us a great outdoors to enjoy—fishing or just fellowship.

Fishing is such an incredible sport. Not only does it provide excitement when you hook and land a nice fish, but simply being on the water brings you a sense of peace and joy beyond understanding. Very few pastimes or sports can lay claim to that. Anyone can enjoy fishing.

The idea of sharing the gospel through fishing and camping is nothing new. Jesus did it with fishing and there are many ministries today that are sharing Christ through fishing and camping.

But let's face it—evangelism is often difficult for many Christians. We claim we do not know how to witness or think the "right opportunity never comes our way." But if we connect our faith with something we enjoy, like fishing, then sharing the gospel can become easier and more natural to us. Many times when we connect the gospel to something others have an interest in, they are more willing to stop and listen. It is all about connections.

Maybe you'd like to be part of STS by attending one of our trips or maybe the Lord is impressing upon you to become involved in this ministry. If so, feel free to contact us. 

Mike Schachterle
with "Bobber Bill"



Mike "Shep" Sheplee



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*"I enjoyed my first trip to Crow
Duck...The fishing was fantastic and
I learned a lot of new techniques that
I hope will pay off when I go fishing
locally. The food was outstanding.
A great trip indeed!"*

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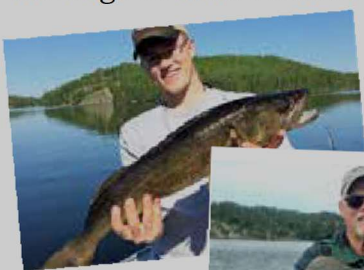


Crow Duck Lake, the great fishery it is, deserves to be memorialized with an abundance of honorary place names. “The Honey Hole,” for one, is a traditional go-to favorite, marking the spot in Rice Bay where walleyes and pike stack up as the water warms. “Phil’s Bay” and “Petty’s Pool” are newer names, each with its own story. Next time you have the fun of fishing in the Whiteshell’s finest, you might just want to try tagging your own secret spot.



The portage to Saddle Lake leads to more legendary sites. “North Concord Shore,” for one, can be found just up from the landing on the west side and always the first (and sometimes only) stop for the gang from West Concord, Minnesota. Last year, I added “Gaylord’s Bay” to the list, named after a friendly guy who showed our struggling team where the action was to be found on the east side. And we nailed ‘em!

One location that will forever lure me in is “Adulterous Point,” found just over the saddle. Named for the wayward woman warned of in our GPS studies (Proverbs 5-7), this hotspot irresistibly tempts unsuspecting fishermen with its classic structure and healthy walleye population. What’s more, we’ve found that Saddle Lake’s biggest ‘eyes seem to hole up there. Ah, but there is a price to be paid, weighed out in the ton of lead sacrificed to the huge boulders below.



Space doesn’t permit to tell the stories of “Fitzgerald Point,” “Schachterle Island,” “Walleye Jacuzzi,” “Lonski Tree,” or a host of others. But when it comes to naming rights, everything is in play—including boat teams (“Three Amigos”) and fishing techniques.



A few years back, I got to fish solo with long-time friend, Steve Winje, on his first trip to Canada. He not only hooked his first walleye, but he caught more fish in one day than in his whole life combined! It was understandable, then,

that he needed a little coaching on first hooking and then boating his fish. By day’s end, the net stayed in the bottom of the boat and the “Winje Method” was perfected. Taking advantage of a fish’s own momentum to rocket it into waiting hands proved to be great entertainment!

When it comes to naming rights, the Creator God stands as the ultimate authority not only on all these amazing places to fish, but on the fishermen themselves. Thanks to the One who has a name above all names, He alone can write our name where it matters most—in his Lamb’s Book of Life.

*There’s a new name
Written down in glory,
And it’s mine,
Oh yes, it’s mine!
And the white-robed
Angels sing the story,
“A sinner has come home.”
With my sins forgiven
I am bound for heaven,
Nevermore to roam.*

C. Miles Austin’s old gospel hit got it right. As for those famous Crow Duck and Saddle fishing spots, I think we did, too.

Bill Abeler



Bill Abeler made nine STS trips to Crow Duck from 2008-2017, eight as the GPS teacher. The Executive Director at Camp Lebanon (Upsala MN), “Bobber Bill” graduated from the University of Northwestern—St. Paul and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

“I had fished off and on throughout my life, but never with much success. I kept hearing how great the fishing was up in Canada and decided to give STS a try. I was not sure what to expect, but figured it would be fun to learn how to fish from a bunch of guys who knew what they were doing. I caught more fish that first day than I had in my entire life and was literally hooked.”

Steve Winje | Lino Lakes, MN

Is there anything I can do to guarantee myself a long life?

ANSWER

"Honor your father and mother'-which is the first commandment with a promise-'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth'" (Ephesians 6:3-4). In this passage, the apostle Paul is quoting from the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:12, specifically: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." This represents the only instance of God connecting long life as a reward for something we do. Is this promise of long life for honoring your parents true? And, if so, why is honoring your parents so highly valued to God that He rewards it with long life?

First, yes, the promise is true, but not in a universal sense. There are people who honored their parents but died young. And there are people who did not honor their parents but lived a long life. Therefore, it is a principle that is generally true. If you honor your parents, God will, generally speaking, reward you with a long life. However, this promise does not override other decisions we make that impact how long we live. For example, if a man honors his parents, but then decides to commit suicide, the act of suicide "negates" the reward of long life. The same can be said of those who engage in reckless and dangerous activities. God's reward of long life for honoring parents does not miraculously make you immune from serious injury or death.

Again, the reward of long life for honoring your parents is a general principle, not a universal truth. God considers the way a child treats his/her parents so important that He usually rewards those who honor their parents with long life. Solomon urged children to respect their parents (Proverbs 1:8; 13:1; 30:17). Jeremiah 35:18-19 describes how God blessed the Rechabites for obeying their father. Disobedience to parents is a trait of those who rebel against God (Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2). This brings us to the second point. Why is honoring your parents so highly valued to God that He rewards it with long life?

There are at least two reasons for the value God places on honoring your parents. First, God entrusts parents with the responsibility to raise their children in a godly manner. The task of parenting is not easy. It is painful, stressful, expensive, and often unappreciated. For a child to not recognize, and be grateful for, the sacrifices parents make on his/her behalf is an affront to the position of authority and value God has given to parents. It is similar to how we are to respond to the government (). If God has placed us under authority, to rebel against that authority is to rebel against God Himself.

The second reason God desires us to honor our parents is because our relationship with our earth parents is an illustration of our relationship with our Heavenly Father. For example, Hebrew 12:11 compares the discipline a child receives from parents to the discipline believers in Christ

received from God. Just as our parents are our biological progenitors, God is our Creator. We are children of God and children of our parents. To dishonor our parents is to distort the picture of what our relationship with our Heavenly Father is to be.

Do you want to live a long life? Honor your parents. Why? Because God placed you under their authority and guidance, and because your attitude toward your parents is illustrative of your attitude toward God. While this reward is not universal-and while it does not override every other decision you make-it is still generally true. If you want to live a long life, honor those who gave life in the first place.