



Success Through Scriptures

An Evangelical Interdenominational Ministry.

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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, hunt, canoe, snowmobile, 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 and boys in Godly wisdom through the scriptures and outdoor adventures.

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, and swimming if you don't mind cold water. A typical daily itinerary can be found on our web site.

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 retreat we stay in cabins on 90% of our retreats. 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 retreats?

Most of our retreats 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!

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 do I need to bring?

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

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!

Transportation – how long is the ride? What kind of vehicle?

10 to 11 hours from Minneapolis metro area. SUV or passenger car.

How many men or boys go on a retreat?

Usually 9 to 15.

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.

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.

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

For 2011 the cost for most retreats ranges from US\$725 to US\$925 (subject to change) per person depending on location, accommodation and group size. All food, lodging, boats & motors, Bible study books .

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.

What is your reservation and cancellation policy?

For Crow Duck Lake Camp, See our website (Adult camper Packet)

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 Crowduck Lake camp is (204)-222-7307. Bill Kolansky is the owner / manager.

What about emergency medical help?

The nearest medical facility is 2 to 4 hours away depending on how deep in the wilderness we are at the time.

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.