

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 2010 the cost for most retreats ranges from \$US295 to US\$895 (subject to change) per person depending on location, accommodation and group size. All food, lodging, transportation, Canadian fishing license, boats & motors, canoes & paddles, and bait are covered. Basically everything except your own incidentals 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.

Success Through Scriptures

YOUTH REGISTRATION

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

Session Choice _____ Alternate Session Choice _____

Name _____ Nickname _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ School _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade next year _____

Camper's E-Mail Address: _____

Parents' E-Mail Address: _____

Would you like to receive communication by email? Yes No

**IMPORTANT CANADIAN BORDER
CROSSING RESTRICTIONS!**

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

**Please check with STS Staff for contact
information.**

Father's Information

Name _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Mother's Information

Name _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____

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

Enrollment Agreement:

I wish to enroll my child in the session at Success Through Scriptures as described in your brochure and Base Camp documents. I have read the program description, understand the requirements for participants, and give permission for my child to participate. Additionally, 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 my child listed above.

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

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Preparing For Camp

Camper Health and Medication

All medication (including prescription or over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and all other supplements) must be brought to camp in the original container (as purchased or issued). Containers must detail the name of the patient, the name of the medication, directions for dosage, and the name of the person ordering the medication.

Clothing/Equipment

Trips 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 the canoe trip, 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:

Bible (Need one? We'll provide)	Sleeping bag
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.)
Fishing gear - rod & reel, (we will be fishing for walleyes, smallmouth bass and northern pike)	A smiley face!

Optional Items:

Notebook/pen or pencil for "journaling"
Camera/film
Sunglasses

Prohibited Items:

- Electronic devices of any kind (including electronic toys, games, CD/tape players, TV's, pagers, phones, etc.). They are a distraction from the experience, and can be easily lost. You may use these items on the truck ride.
- Excessive cash. The camp store has a few necessity items ranging from \$.50 to \$35.00. Food on the drive up and back is provided, so the only cash needed is for incidentals; we are not responsible for lost or stolen cash.
- 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.

Snacks

Please do not bring extra food, candy, or snacks to camp. Camp will provide nutritious, tasty food for meals. Food brought from home may lead to unwelcome guests (i.e. mice, bears, etc.) in the cabins or tents.

Lost and Found

We strongly recommend teens bring 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 your child is missing an item when he/she returns home, you may call Success Through Scriptures at (612) 867-8469.

Success Through Scriptures

CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH FORM

Page 1

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

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

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:

CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH FORM

Page 2

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** _____

Success Through Scriptures

Participant Identification & Parent Authorization

Camper's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Session Dates: _____

I have reviewed the information about **Success Through Scriptures** Base Camp and its wilderness camping experience as described in the Camper Packet, and give permission for my child, _____, to participate in this program.

I expect my child to stay in the (location) _____ and to accompany the **Success Through Scriptures** staff on camping excursions at (location) _____. I understand that this may include crossing the international border into Canada and returning to the United States.

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

Parent / Guardian (SIGNATURE)

Parent / Guardian Name (PRINTED)

Tel # of Parent / Guardian

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]

***Youth who have a driver's license or other form of picture I.D. must carry this with them. If youth do not have a picture I.D., they should carry a copy (not the original) of their birth certificate with them. All youth who are not US or Canadian citizens should carry a passport (with visas, if appropriate) or Resident Alien Card.**

***Do not send this form to Success Through Scriptures. It is important that this form be on the camper's person when he boards the Success Through Scriptures vehicles. The form can be given to an Success Through Scriptures staff person at that time.**

From the Canadian Laws: Travelers Bringing Children**

Canada has laws and regulations to protect children and to reduce abduction by parents or others. If you will be traveling with a child, you should carry:

- identification for each child of all ages similar to identification described for adults.
- A notarized letter of permission from the applicable party including: your spouse if they are not traveling with you, the child's parent or legal guardian, or any other adults who have shared custody rights for the child you are traveling with, which should include a contact phone number and address

Please note: Divorced parents with shared custody rights should carry legal documents establishing their status. **Unaccompanied children should carry a letter of permission from their parents or a legal guardian.**

If you and your spouse or partners are both traveling with your children, you will not need additional documentation to enter Canada. However, we encourage you to carry a letter of permission with you in case your travel plans change.

AGREEMENT TO RELEASE ALL CLAIMS

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.

- _____ (Minor's Name), being under 18 years of age, has my permission to participate in the activities of the Success Through Scriptures Ministry.
- I have granted this permission in recognition and appreciation that there will be known and unknown risks, dangers and hazards which could injure or kill my minor child which may be encountered in the above mentioned ACTIVITY, which may include or result from the negligence, gross negligence or recklessness Success through Scriptures or any other people involved with this activity. With this in mind, I DO HEREBY VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS which may be encountered during his 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 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 OR DEATH TO MY MINOR CHILD, INCLUDING EMOTIONAL DISTRESS TO ME OR LOSS OF COMPANIONSHIP OR SUPPORT TO MY FAMILY, OCCURING DURING OR AS A RESULT OF MY MINOR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN, OR TRANSPORTATION TO, FROM OR AS A PART OF, THIS ACTIVITY (CLAIMS). THIS RELEASE APPLIES EVEN IF THIS INJURY OR DEATH IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR RECKLESSNESS OF RELEASED PARTIES.
- FURTHER, I PROMISE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Success Through Scriptures, ITS EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS, AND PAY ITS COSTS OF DEFENSE, IF CLAIMS ARE BROUGHT BY ME OR ANYONE ELSE AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASED PARTIES TO RECOVER MONEY DAMAGES RELEATED TO INJURIES OR DEATH TO MY MINOR CHILD. THIS PROMISE APPLIES EVEN IF THIS INJURY OR DEATH IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR RECKLESSNESS OF RELEASED PARTIES.
- I acknowledge that I will participate in a daily Bible study.
- I agree to abstain from possessing or using any alcohol 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 Success through Scriptures 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 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, ITS 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.

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

Parent / Guardian (SIGNATURE)

Parent / Guardian Name (PRINTED)

Tel # of Parent / Guardian

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

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!

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

10 ½ hours from Minneapolis metro area. SUV or passenger car.

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?

For 2007 the cost for most retreats ranges from \$US295 to US\$695 (subject to change) per person depending on location, accommodation and group size. All food, lodging, transportation, Canadian fishing license, boats & motors, canoes & paddles, and bait are covered. Basically everything except your own incidentals or personal items is covered.

What is your reservation and cancellation policy?

Reservations and payment should be made as far in advance as possible, as these retreats sometimes fill fast. A 50% payment is required 120 days before departure to confirm reservations. Full payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Retreat payments are non-refundable. We are unable to give refunds because funds are used to secure the camp location. Once we have made the commitment for the camp site, 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.

There are 2 options if you must cancel.

First, find another person to replace you. However, they will still need to go through the application process. In most cases this can be done in a short period of time.

Secondly, you may direct your funds to STS ministry, which then a tax deduction receipt will be issued.

If you must cancel please contact STS ASAP.

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 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.