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Knoxville, Tennessee

STS MISSION

Strength to Stand is a collection of student conferences, camps, tours, and more pioneered by the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. Through 36 years of ministry STS has worked to provide the next generation of the local church an atmosphere where they can worship, grow deeper in their faith, and take the next step in their faith whether it be salvation or growing in sanctification. The primary audience served are ages 11-18 with hundreds of churches from across the southeast.

STS Mission provides a mission experience for churches and youth groups unlike any other. Championed by the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association through its student ministry arm, Strength to Stand, STS Mission provides an opportunity for students who participate to discover the call of God on their life in sharing the greatest story ever told. Through a combination of training and on the ground mission opportunities, students are challenged to step out of their comfort zone and share the good news of Jesus Christ in the local community we are serving that summer. Students then have the opportunity to walk with those making decisions at SDEA's UNITE event and then celebrate all the Lord is doing with a concert immediately following. Our prayer is that students leave excited to make an impact in their communities for Jesus!

PREPARATION

The preparation process (a.k.a. 'Prep School') is one of the most vital ingredients in the process of preparing your group for STS Mission. This is the time that your students begin to realize the magnitude of the task they are undertaking and the impact it will have for a lifetime. Before arriving at STS Mission, your students will have been trained to be soul winners. In the four weeks prior to this event, you will lead your group in a Bible study prepared and sent to you from our office. This four-week study will take your students through a concise training method where they will be comfortable sharing their faith throughout the city. This week will change your student ministry and your entire student group is encouraged to attend. The solid, core students will be strengthened and challenged. Your other students will be confronted and mentored on being a true disciple of Christ. Please remember that STS Mission is available to your ENTIRE group.

Part of your preparation should be in the consideration of your counselors. It is our requirement that for the first three (3) students of the same gender one (1) counselor of that gender will be present. Then for every five (5) students of the same gender at least one (1) counselor is required. More are encouraged if possible. You must have one counselor highlighted as the person in charge of your group. Unless otherwise noted, this will be the Student Pastor. Please pick your counselors carefully.

Your counselors will be extremely important to the success of STS Mission. These adults will be facilitators, mentors, and participants of this event. It is advisable to have your adults go through the same training. Most of your adults will be points of reference for questions from your students during the week. It may be wise to have a separate session for the adults informing them of their vital importance and support! A counselor is considered someone who is mature, a member of your church, a Christian, at least 21 years of age and should be balanced according to genders. We would like to suggest that you bring Sunday School teachers, as well as, people involved in your student ministry. Remember that this will be a great mentoring opportunity for the adults to your students. They will develop relationships at STS Mission that will only become stronger with time and ultimately strengthen your entire ministry.

There are still more aspects to consider regarding the Prep School. Please make certain you discuss with your students the process of recording all decisions and how to share tracts. Please encourage them to write legibly and fill out the decision cards in their entirety. The Prep School is a good time to familiarize each student with the 'Steps to Peace with God' tracts that we will be using.

THE CITY

STS Mission 2024 will materialize in Knoxville, Tennessee. As of the 2020 United States census, Knoxville is the state's third largest city. It is the principal city of the Knoxville metropolitan area, which had a population of 879,773 in 2020.

First settled in 1786, Knoxville was the first capital of Tennessee. Knoxville is the home of the flagship campus of the University of Tennessee, whose sports teams, the Tennessee Volunteers, are popular in the surrounding area. Knoxville is also home to the headquarters of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Tennessee Supreme Court's courthouse for East Tennessee, and the corporate headquarters of several national and regional companies. As one of the largest cities in the Appalachian region, Knoxville has positioned itself in recent years as a repository of Appalachian culture and is one of the gateways to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

MORNING

Each morning your group will experience worship with STS Worship. During our time together, the teaching and speaking of Scott Dawson, Tom Richter and David Nasser will also challenge you. They will share each morning as we walk through messages that will challenge your students to be more effective disciples for Christ and teach them how to share their faith. Your students will go back ready to be used as facilitators of change in their homes, churches, schools, and communities.

AFTERNOON

In the afternoons your group will go throughout Knoxville sharing their faith and inviting people to the evening city-wide services. Your students will be challenged to get out of their comfort zone and put into practice what they are taught at STS Mission.

EVENING

STS Mission will participate in two city-wide events. Your group will hear a message from Scott Dawson, be counselors for people making decisions at the event, and enjoy the concerts. Continue to check for updates on strengthtostand.com for all the ministries that are brought on board for these services. You have our word that the personalities present during this event, will be nothing less than real, relevant, and respectful of STS Mission.

After each service, in the evenings, your students will have the opportunity to have Church Time with you. This will give your students a time to share what has been learned throughout the day. You will find this time together also strengthens the mentoring process with adults to students. We have found this time to be one of the most often requested items at our conferences. It seems to also be one of the most necessary aspects. Your group will grow together and go home challenged to continue the process of STS Mission.

WHAT'S THE COST?

Thank you for taking the first step in joining us at STS Mission! There is still one important step to complete to be registered for this event. We must receive your payment in our office. This year we will be offering three types of housing packages to choose from.

A. STS MISSION HOUSING OPTION 1:

4 per room: \$389 per person

3 per room: \$419 per person

2 per room: \$499 per person

Prices include four nights, five days lodging at the Hampton Inn Knoxville, the registration fee, breakfast, one lunch, two dinners, two t-shirts and all the events. The prices do not include other meals, parking or transportation.

B. STS MISSION HOUSING OPTION 2:

\$369 per person – two per room

Prices include four nights, five days lodging on the campus of the University of Tennessee in suite-style dorms, the registration fee, breakfast, one lunch, two dinners, two t-shirts and all the events. The price does not include other meals, parking or transportation.

C. COMMUTERS:

\$75 per person if you make your own hotel arrangements.

The Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association is not involved with your housing. Prices include the registration fee, one lunch, two dinners, two t-shirts and all events.

HOUSING

The housing plans for STS Mission 2024 give you a several alternatives. Please read the following to choose which plan would best suit your group's needs.

A. The Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association will do the work for you if you want to stay in conference hotel accommodations or in dorms at the University of Tennessee. Just mark the appropriate box on your housing form and we will handle it from there.

B. You have the option of finding your own accommodations. Your group is still responsible for the \$75 registration fee per person. The Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association is not involved with this housing option.

FOOD

In consideration of meals during STS Mission there are several different opportunities to experience the flavor of the local city. Dinner will be provided each day at STS Mission.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the responsibility of each group.

Remember:

Be aware that "the sooner the better" is the rule of thumb for these events. STS Mission will be registered until maximum capacity. All registrations will be handled on a first come, first serve basis.

Refund Policy for STS Mission

90 -365 days out Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association will offer a full refund minus a \$50 non-refundable deposit. No questions asked.

46-89 days out- Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association will offer a half refund minus \$50 per person non-refundable deposit.

45 days out- No refunds unless approved by the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. Medical complications of the registered individual or immediate family member or the death of an immediate family member will be considered acceptable for a refund payable within 30 days after the event. Other conditions that may be considered acceptable for a refund certificate will be the requirement by a governing school body of a registered individual to attend classes or the service on jury duty or active military duty by a registered individual. Documentation of proof of the above situations may be required before a refund will be issued.

- Each refund date is counted back from the opening day of each STS Mission city.
- The person making the original registration, or the designated group leader must make all refund requests.
- The refund check or certificate will be made payable to the party upon whom the original registration check was drawn. No refund can be issued until at least fifteen (15) days after the deposit of the original check.
- All group accounts must be paid in full before refunds can be made to any person in the group requesting a refund. Such refunds shall be credited to the account of the group.
- Rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.
- The conference office must receive any required documentation before the end of thirty (30) days after the close of the conference.

All questions or requests for refunds should be made to:

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BENEFITS

In just four short days, your group will receive gifts of eternal value ranging from on-site mentoring, intense discipleship, inspirational concerts, and evangelism opportunities. The greatest benefit will be the changed lives and hearts in your group. Testimony after testimony by the student groups that have participated in our events throughout past years confirm they have gone home changed. These changes encourage them to be bold believers for Christ in the community in which they live. You are guaranteed that after your students come into a strange city, and share their faith, they will leave realizing that Christ has called them to be real and relevant in their daily lives in your hometown. We believe the greatest benefit your ministry will receive after participating in STS Mission will be the dividends in the months to come. Watch as your students go back sharing their faith with their friends and family in their own neighborhoods, allowing your ministry to be strengthened and increased by this weeklong process.

PHILOSOPHY

At the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association, we believe that if you take a student into a weeklong mentoring process, adding someone from your local community and students from all over the country you will end up with a strengthened and challenged group of young adults. We believe you will see fruit from your group in all these areas:

- Students will be encouraged in their faith as they learn how to have a consistent, daily quiet time in a personal quiet time journal
- Daily applications of what they have learned through evangelism
- Strengthened and trained by the four weeks of Bible study before they arrive culminating in an evening evangelistic service where people from across the community come together to hear great inspirational concerts and powerful and convicting speaking
- The drawing of the evangelism net where people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- Students go home with the responsibility of being a bold believer from the city in which they came

OUR MISSION

"To be innovative and evangelistic by proclaiming the Gospel, producing disciples, and partnering with Christian leaders."

FOR YOUR INFO

Please classify your students on the individual form. The differences between 1's, 2's, and 3's are that the 1's are those who will witness to telephone poles, 2's have done it before but aren't really comfortable, and the 3's are those that have never had a time where they have actively shared their faith. This will help us divide up the groups and get them ready to go out in the afternoons.