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PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL

**Strength to Stand** is a collection of student conferences, camps, tours, and more pioneered by the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association. Through 35 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.

The camp is under the supervision of the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association, Inc., which is recognized by the IRS as a nonprofit organization. Since 1987, this Association has been actively involved in conference ministries throughout the United States.

#### **camp attendees...**

STS Camp targets students from sixth grade through seniors in high school. Due to insurance regulations, it is STS's policy to require each person to be in the sixth grade or at least twelve years of age. Because we try to effectively minister to such a wide range of students, please refrain from bringing younger children unless you acquire special permission from STS.

#### **counselors...**

STS requires that for the first three (3) students of the same gender, one (1) counselor of that gender must be present. Then, for every five (5) students of the same gender at least one (1) counselor is required. We encourage you to bring as many counselors as possible.

A counselor should be mature, a member of your church, a Christian, at least 21 years of age, and should be balanced according to genders. You must have one counselor highlighted as the person in charge of your group. Unless otherwise noted, this will be the Student Pastor. Please choose your counselors wisely.

#### **accommodations...**

STS Camp will be held at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City, FL.

Laguna lodging includes family-style units with full kitchenettes, dorm-style rooms, bunkrooms, houses, and cottages. All accommodations are fully air-conditioned with a variety of sleeping configurations. Laguna is located at the west end of Panama City Beach, in a safe, less congested area of the beach, away from the "strip," but close enough to drive to all the activities that Panama City Beach has to offer. For a more detailed view check out their website [christiancamp.com](http://christiancamp.com).

We are also offering additional lodging at Cottages Christian Retreat which is a few minutes down the road from Laguna. This will include dorm style rooms and cottages. For more info check out [cottageschristianretreat.com](http://cottageschristianretreat.com).

### **meals...**

Eight meals are covered in your price! Three hot, delicious meals a day are offered for groups staying at Laguna. Each home-style meal is prepared fresh by their cooking staff.

### **recreation...**

At STS Camp, every group is going to have a chance at a championship game in two different sports. If you have students that think they are basketball stars, then here is their chance to prove it. At the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, there will be one tournament for males and one for females. There will also be a Volleyball Invitational Tournament consisting of 9 player teams. Basketball and volleyball isn't your thing? Then try some of our other rec options. Brackets will be set once every team is entered. We will start taking teams on the Friday night your group arrives. You will then be given your game times at the Saturday morning session. We will have a rec tent set up outside the main worship area to answer questions and post results. Each church can sign up as many teams as they want as long as they have the personnel to support them. Please note that a person can only play on one team per sport. So, one person can be on a 3-on-3 team and a volleyball team, but that person cannot be on two different 3 on 3 teams or volleyball teams.

STS reserves the right to change requirements and rules if necessary.

### **the services...**

The worship services will revolve around encouraging students to incorporate their faith into everyday life. Your students will be challenged to be bold in their faith by drawing on the strength of fellow believers. In every service, you will experience praise and worship music that will fill your heart with passion. Everyone will be challenged by one of our powerful speakers as they are impacted by the real and relevant messages these ministers deliver.

We suggest you use the evenings to continue worship in a small group atmosphere. **"Church Time"** is designed for your group to gather and share. God will move in your group during this camp, so take advantage of this time by sharing laughs, tears, prayers and experiences together. You choose the location and setting that best suits your group. Many groups will use the beach for their Church Time. This is a great setting for intimacy. You will enjoy the most proven, competent Christian personalities of our day. We are constantly working to truly make this a life-changing camp. We must take time and acknowledge that only God can work like this.

### **refund policy...**

**90-365 days out-** STS will offer a full refund minus the \$50 per person nonrefundable deposit. No questions asked.

**46-89 days out-** STS will offer a half refund minus the \$50 per person nonrefundable deposit.

**45 days out-** No refunds unless approved by STS. The following are acceptable reasons for a refund: (1) A person is unable to attend due to medical conditions. A signed statement from a medical doctor advising the person not to attend the conference must be presented with a letter of request. The letter from the doctor must be written for the sole purpose of requesting the refund and/or the dates of the conference must be mentioned in the time period forbidding travel by the person registered for the conference. If the person is hospitalized on any day of the conference, a letter from the hospital showing the dates of hospitalization shall serve in place of a letter from a medical doctor. (2) Death of an immediate family member. The immediate family shall be defined as parents, stepparents, grandparents, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, sisters, stepsisters, brothers, stepbrothers, aunts or uncles. This policy does not apply to cousins. A copy of the obituary showing the date must be attached to the refund request. In cases where the obituary does not show the family relationship, a letter from a pastor or funeral director handling the services must be attached to the refund request. (3) A person is married to an individual who meets the criteria of (1) or (2) above. (4) The requirement of a governing school body of a registered individual to attend classes. (5) 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. (6) A pastor or paid church staff member is required to participate in a funeral service during the conference. An obituary or a letter from a funeral director of officiating minister stating the person's involvement in the funeral must be attached to the refund request. Each refund date is counted back from the opening day of STS Camp.

- ◆ 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. Such refunds shall be credited to the account of the group.
- ◆ Rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.
- ◆ The STS Camp office must receive any required documentation before the end of thirty (30) days after the close of Camp.
- ◆ All refunds will be paid within 30 days after the event.
- ◆ All requests for refunds must be in writing and sent to:

**Strength to Stand Camp**  
**PO BOX 59405**  
**Birmingham, AL 35259**  
**info@strengthtostand.com**  
**800.869.8738**

### **national disaster cancellation policy...**

Since STS began, we have always followed through with hosting planned events. We are committed to continuing to do so. However, in these uncertain times post-9/11, a national disaster, pandemic or act of terror could render us both unable to host a planned event and unable to return your deposits. We hire staff, purchase equipment, and rent non-refundable facilities based on your reservations. Please be advised that if a STS event is cancelled due to such extraordinary circumstances, we cannot refund the \$89 registration fee regardless of other published cancellation dates and deadlines.

### **what about weather...**

STS has your group's safety in mind as we host events. If we are unable to host an event due to weather conditions, the \$89 registration fee cannot be refunded. Refunds of final balance payments will be made only if properties and/or locations refund SDEA for these costs. If an event is hosted as scheduled and your group cancels or reduces numbers due to weather conditions, all payments are non-refundable. For your peace of mind, please know we have never had to cancel an event due to weather.

### **the cost...**

We will be providing some of the most enjoyable, entertaining, and inspiring activities possible during a three-night, four-day event.

### **\$319 per person**

Price includes lodging and ALL meals from Friday night dinner through Monday morning breakfast. STS Camp attendees (unless you choose to stay offsite) will be housed in Laguna Beach Christian Retreat.

For groups not staying in Laguna accommodations there is an \$89 per person camp fee. **This fee does not include meals.**

**Remember:** You may reserve spots at STS Camp by paying a non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person.

**Receive a \$10 per person discount when you are paid in full by March 1, 2024.** Registrations postmarked after May 31, 2024 will incur a \$5 late fee per person. All fees are transferable. Changes must be made known to STS no later than 24 hours prior to arrival.

### **to register...**

Thank you for taking the first step in registering for STS Camp. Due to insurance and safety regulations, armbands will be given to all attendees. Fill out the summary sheet for the entire group. Make sure that you include your group's sign up list with your check. **We cannot assign**

**your accommodations to your group without a completed sign up sheet.** Send all forms, along with one check for your deposit or total amount payable to the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association, Inc., to:

SDEA  
c/o STS Camp  
PO BOX 59405  
Birmingham, AL 35259

We will receive registrations until we reach our maximum capacity of meeting space. You may fax your reservation, including your American Express, Discover, Visa or MasterCard number to 205-833-9138, or register online at [strengthtostand.com](http://strengthtostand.com). Any payments received within 30 days of the conference are **ONLY** payable by church check, money order, cash, or Discover/Visa/MasterCard/American Express. ***There is a 3% surcharge for all credit card payments.***

#### **Very Important Information...**

1. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own sheets, towels, pillows, blankets or sleeping bags and all their toiletries. The camp furnishes toilet tissue and garbage can liners.
2. Upon checking out, all dishes in rooms with kitchenettes must be washed.
3. Upon checking out, all garbage must be taken out. Dumpsters are located on the properties.
4. Please make sure your group is on time for all meal times.
5. All groups provide volunteer servers in the dining rooms (serve food and put ice in the glasses). They will be needed in the dining room 10 minutes before each meal.
6. There is a gift shop at the camp that houses a café that sells specialty coffees, ice cream, etc.

### **rules and stuff...**

1. No group or persons will be allowed on the grounds without first registering with STS Camp through the Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association.
2. After check-in, NO STUDENT will be allowed to leave the camp without his/her church group, except with a written excuse from one of the directors of the STS Camp.
3. No one will be allowed to visit, call upon, or rest in a room that is housing a member of the opposite sex.
4. There will be a schedule given with which attendees will comply. Exceptions will be made only when there is written permission from the staff of the STS Camp.
5. All participants will attend every service of camp. During optional activities, each student should be supervised by their own church counselor.
6. Each student will display Christian behavior to the finest point. We must all remember that we are His witnesses in everything we do.
7. Everyone will be expected to be in his/her own room **no later than** twenty minutes following the last scheduled activity. No one is expected to leave his/her room until reasonable hours of the morning except in the case of an emergency.
8. If you have anyone who is expected to be late, please notify SDEA within 48 hours of arrival.
9. Any damage done to Laguna Beach Retreat, Cottages Christian Retreat, or camp equipment will be paid by the individual responsible for the damage.
10. All beach parameters and guidelines, i.e. how far to go out in the water or how far down the beach you can walk, are the sole responsibility of each group.
11. According to Panama City rules, a red flag day means no one in the water. Please note the beach will not be policed by SDEA.
12. Anyone not complying with these, and other rules will be subject to dismissal from the camp. Any expenses will be paid by the individual's family; legal action will be pursued if necessary.

**It is not our purpose to hinder your group's experience. We ask that you review and explain these rules to your students. Understand that these guidelines are designed for the safety of the spiritual atmosphere of the camp.**

## MVP – Ministry Value Program

Upon registering a group to attend any STS-sponsored event, you are enrolled immediately into the STS M.V.P. program. Attending an STS event will allow you to earn points through your registered attendees toward an incredible overabundance of rewards and gifts ranging from travel, entertainment, and shopping to materials for your own Youth Program. Continue bringing groups to STS events and you will quickly increase your points, thus providing great opportunities to earn these rewards.

### Reasons to Join!

- Easy Enrollment (You just register your group, and we'll take care of the rest!)
- Points stay with the youth minister! (If you happen to change churches or move, your points will stay with you!)
- You'll earn at least 1 point for every member of your group that attends our event! (Chaperones included!)
- STS M.V.P. points will never expire if you attend an STS event every three years!
- There's no limit to the number of M.V.P. points you can earn!

### What kind of rewards?

#### 100 Points:

\$50 gift card to a restaurant or gas station

\$50 discount to STS event

Curriculum for Youth Ministry

#### 200 Points:

\$100 Gift card to a restaurant, gas station or home improvement store

100 "DISNEY DOLLARS"

1 FREE registration to STS Event

#### 400 Points:

Beats by Dr. Dre headphones

Amazon Echo

#### 500 POINTS:

2 Tickets to a musical on Broadway, NYC



\$250 package to spa

\$250 discount to STS Event

\$250 gift card to a restaurant or Home Improvement store

**800 POINTS:**

Apple Watch

**900 POINTS:**

Drone with camera

**1,000 POINTS:**

Big Bertha Driver

2-night stay at Swan & Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida

iPad Mini

Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association, from day one, was built to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by advancing the Kingdom. Constantly striving to stay on the cutting-edge of youth ministry, we have developed a program that ultimately provides students with the opportunity to hear and be challenged by the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The MVP program strives for three main goals:

- To enhance attendance at our STS sponsored events, thus providing the opportunity to enrich the lives of more students.
- To assist in the strains of budget that many youth ministers face, therefore serving those that serve us.
- To assert our influence into youth ministries across the country through resources and programs to reach our goal - Advancing the Kingdom.