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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR


In 2018, SROM celebrated 35 years of life-transforming work! It is a milestone that points to the grace and goodness of God. My father, Drew Arnold, was given a vision by God in 1977 that SROM would be used to establish points of light around the globe. In 1983, out of obedience to that vision Drew formed SROM as a ministry that would lead persons to Jesus and disciple them as Christ followers in the context of wilderness. The students that come through SROM become points of light burning for God’s glory. We are excited to celebrate this landmark by looking back on our heritage and looking forward in our vision to see God develop and equip people to be points of light.

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As we thought about the purpose of this publication, we wanted to address the fundamental importance of wilderness ministry and make a case for the value and impact of SROM. As such, the articles are less a marketing piece for individual courses but rather a theological and

philosophical justification for the significance of wilderness ministry and SROM programming in our modern world. The catalog makes a case that the needs in our society and culture are profound, and wilderness ministry is designed by God to significantly meet these needs. As you read the following pages, we pray that you begin to understand the vision and values of SROM, the profound impact of the wilderness as a place for transformation, and the current condition of our culture as a place of need. Ultimately, we want to involve you in the life-transforming work of wilderness ministry and SROM. Enroll on a course, give of your money, time and talents to extend the impact of SROM, and become a voice for the role of wilderness ministry to change lives. To all those who have been a part of SROM over the years, thank you! To those who are not yet a part, we invite you to join us on the adventure of a lifetime!



Sincerely,

Andrew Arnold,
Executive Director

SROM's VISION

In 1977 Drew Arnold, founder of SROM, was studying for a Hebrew exam at Fuller Seminary. He knew that he had a passion for wilderness ministry and was called to take young people out into creation. What he did not know was how he could still do wilderness ministry while fulfilling his calling to the pastorate. He began to pray for grace to pass his exam when the Lord showed him points of light all over the world. Drew began to pray how this would come to pass, and the Lord spoke to him, "If you get out of the way, I will show you what I can do." Since 1983, the mission and goals have remained the same, and the original vision for SROM has only gained greater definition.

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SROM believes that these points around the globe represent "sons and daughters of light" (John 12:36). The Father is light (1 John 1:5), Jesus is the "light of the world" (John 8:12), and we are children of light (John 12:36, Ephesians 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:5). Many Biblical leaders spent formative time in wilderness, resulting in a greater understanding of their identity, mandate and source. They became sons and daughters of light burning for the glory of their Father.

Since 1983, this transformational process has been occurring for men and women that have passed through SROM. These children of God follow in the footsteps of our fathers and similarly wrestle in the wilderness—returning knowing who they are, who their Father is, and their mission. Our students leave as sons and daughters of light, spreading the love and light of the Gospel all over the world. They become overseas missionaries. They return home and transform their family life. They invest in a younger generation. They become points of light all over the globe.

*There is a place
for you*

*in God's
epic story.*





CORE VALUES

SROM is a values-based and values-driven ministry. The core values of SROM that serve as the foundation of the ministry are:

- 1. **The glory of God:** we value the glory and love of God. Bringing glory to God is the ultimate goal of God and man (Ps. 19:1–6; Rom. 1:18–23; 1 Cor. 10:31; Rev. 14:6,7).
- 2. **The King and kingdom:** we value the person of Jesus Christ as God-King and the reclaiming of Christ’s Kingdom on earth (Is. 9:6,7; Lk. 4:43; Lk. 8:1; Eph. 1:9,10; Col. 1:15–23, 2:6,7; Matt. 6:33).
- 3. **The Father and family:** we value loving God as Father and living in covenant love with His people, so that we can demonstrate the Father’s love to a lost and dying world (Jn. 14:6–14, 18–21, 17:20–26; Rom. 8; 1 Jn. 1:3; Eph. 3:14–21).
- 4. **The Nations:** we value devoting our entire lives to fulfilling Christ’s great commission to make disciples of all nations. We believe every son of God is called to be a missionary (John 20:21; Matt. 28:19–20).

“The Core Values are the fundamental ideals that determine our attitudes and actions.”

SROM seeks to integrate our core values into the entire ministry. These core values are the fundamental ideals that determine our attitudes and actions. They are the basis of how we spend our time, energy, talents, and money. From course design and implementation, to staff hiring and development, the values guide interactions between staff, students, donors and supporters. These core values inform our leadership, culture, strategies and vision.





*To go where
you've never gone,
you have to do what
you've never done.*



10/10 WYOMING WILD

*New heights, new perspective,
and a breath of fresh air.*

Escape the daily pressure and come be a kid again. You will go on a wild adventure of scaling granite walls and backpacking through mountains that will take you to new heights. We understand how difficult it is to disconnect, discern and reflect in this hyper-connected, noisy world. Wilderness is naturally quiet, a proven healer that fosters reflection and spiritual growth. All along the way you will be rediscovering who God is and who God made you to be.

AGE: Adults (18+)

DURATION: 10 days

LOCATION:

Vedauwoo, WY & Wind River Range, WY

WHY WILDERNESS?

When we go into the wilderness, we experience that which is expected and promised in scripture. We hear creation's groans, see the heaven's declarations, and witness the general revelation of our Creator. And the glory in this world is but a glimpse of eternity! What else might we gain from time in the wilderness?

The Word says "Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). There is nothing that so quickly reveals the condition of our hearts than those wilderness seasons. During those stretching times, we plead for God to change us so that we might become more like Christ.

"It was there that God could speak tenderly; a transformational time where trouble could turn to hope and joy could be restored."

The Lord has been using the wilderness for thousands of years as a place of accelerated growth and training. Leaders are equipped and transition from where they are to where God is calling them. The wilderness is where we are

stripped of our sense of control and our constant need to hide behind the walls we construct. It is a catalytic experience, in which one can pass through the "gate" and walk in a new "way" (Matt 7:14). For the wayward soul, it is oftentimes a necessary wake-up call.

Despite adversities, a journey into the wilderness can be an act of mercy. The literal wilderness we read about in Hosea had even more hardships than we encounter today. Yet it was and still is merciful for the Lord to bring about change, and reveal Himself anew. It was there that God could speak tenderly; a transformational time where trouble could turn to hope and joy could be restored. Idols were removed and replaced with truth, and it was an invitation to leave old things behind.

In the end, the avenue of ministry is not the reward. Wilderness is an effective and unique approach that follows a distinct biblical precedent. Yet time in the mountains is not the prize in life, or the answer. For SROM and our students, the point is encounter with the sweet Savior, the Heavenly Father, the Counselor Spirit, and the Lord over all creation.





SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

A college student recently asked us, “How can you guarantee spiritual transformation?” While this may seem like a challenging question, the answer is simple: we don’t. SROM cannot guarantee spiritual transformation, for God alone has the power and heart to bring change into our lives. God has been faithful throughout history in pursuing His children, and we joyfully join hands with His work.

In the context of wilderness settings, SROM staff have agreed to embark on a Gospel journey with students and to steward the call of Christ to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19). We are committed to seeing lives transformed for the sake of the Gospel, that we might together “behold the glory of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18). Everything that we do at SROM is unto seeing lives transformed for his glory. Our prayers, course design, curriculum development, and educational models are all unto this goal of seeing students “transformed in the same image from glory to glory!” (2 Cor. 3:18).

“Spiritual transformation miraculously comes to fruition when the Father unveils who He is, and as students understand who He has made them to be.”

We give God the glory for students who leave their time in the wilderness transformed. The Father has always been the one to pursue relationship with His children and restore relational wholeness to the fractured places of our hearts. He will keep His sons and His promise to bring life from death. We are excited for those that God will allure to the wilderness and how He will use SROM courses to walk alongside His children. SROM provides wilderness expeditions for spiritual transformation as an act of obedience; however, the wilderness is only a setting and means for a transformation that is orchestrated by a Divine encounter with the Father, Creator, and Savior of the universe.



WILDERNESS LEADERS MINOR

From zero to hero all in one go.

Ready to level-up your skills and dive deep into becoming a wilderness leader? Want to go deep with God and see how wilderness ministry can change a life? If so, the Wilderness Leadership Minor could be for you! This minor is an intensive summer semester that packages all the key courses you need to become a wilderness leader and a wilderness ministry professional. It will be an extended time in deep wilderness settings with a vibrant, authentic community – creating bonds that are deep and true

AGE: 20+ **DURATION:** 80–90 days
LOCATIONS: WY & UT (varies)



AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

We are fundamentally inter-related beings who experience and contextualize life through our relationship with the Lord and with others. God created us as image-bearers: we are capable of making God's greater goodness visible to others and also receiving that goodness from others. Yet in our fallen world, our fear of being exposed and rejected keeps us from living in the light. We shy away from others in order to protect ourselves. Paradoxically, our deepest fear is also our greatest desire: to know and be fully known. Unfortunately, society has bought the cheap ticket of false connectedness, in the instant and initial comfort of cell phones and social media. In reality, we are weary from hiding and wandering, and desperate for authentic community. This longing is in our very being; we are made for fellowship and worship.

The wilderness is a liminal place where we are stretched beyond our physical capabilities and outside our comfort zones. This lack of security allows us to engage people and our own questionings at a newer and deeper level. All of us crave realness, experience, and interrelatedness.

Wilderness facilitates an environment where we can love and be loved beyond the brokenness of our daily lives. We need the support of those willing to walk alongside us and spur us on towards Christ. We need a safe place to practice kingdom living and to collectively throw our lives into the story of God. Just like God's people through Exodus, though we may be freed from slavery, we are not yet home in our journey.

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Therefore, we are called to lay down our lives for a body of imperfects. Our lives should be a reflection of the hope of Jesus Christ. True authentic community is and will be a constant state of fellowship and worship! Has this future hope changed the way we live here and now? Is there any reason we cannot begin the practice of unveiled fellowship and abandoned worship with those around us today?



7/7 ALL WOMEN'S

Need a ladies only adventure to come back to life?

Take a break from your hectic schedule and step into a week of backpacking through breathtaking mountains as you learn how God uses the wilderness to allure and speak tenderly to his daughters. Your spirit will be refreshed as you learn God's word experientially, laugh and play with your sisters, and get to spend uninterrupted time alone with God. You will walk away with skills to thrive in the wilderness and lifelong friends.

AGE: Adults (18+)

DURATION: 7 days

LOCATION:

Snowy Range Mountains, WY





LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

When we choose to follow Christ, there is a death in ourselves as His spirit floods in. Desires and affections are displaced when we say yes to His words and ways above our own. His is a kingdom that is full of upside-downs; brimming with binary opposites that oppose the unsanctified heart. Jesus says in His word that the first shall be last, and the last shall be first and that we must lose our lives in order to gain them. A call to leadership deepens this call to lay down our lives; for it includes a significant responsibility to seek the success of others. Our lives then become not only to serve our individual growth and goals but for the sake of others and advancement of the kingdom.

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The Lord has been using wilderness contexts for thousands of years to grow his leaders. Before He began public ministry, Jesus himself spent 40

days in the wilderness to be tested in His identity. In this time of refining preparation, there are traits and experiences that need to be instilled in us before we can lead well. Because of worldly examples of the misuse of leadership, we find it easy to lose a godly vantage point. Our own hearts battle for the applause of men, and to attract people to ourselves. Yet He is most attractive, humanity perfected and godliness manifested, and there is nothing we can provide to supplement His atoning work and glorious nature. We arise out of the wilderness, leaning on our Beloved, for He is our hope and desire.

Leadership is not loud. In fact, it is in quiet and in secret that the leader is melded. Leaders are built up by their time spent in the presence of God. Intimacy should precede ministry because we cannot represent someone we do not know and have not spent time with. In the stillness, we listen with soft ears to the voice of the Father, spending countless more hours before Him than before people. Out of this time before God arises the gentle confidence of quiet insisting: "follow me as I follow Christ", for we lead by being led.

WILDERNESS MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS COURSE

Become a leader that can radically grow and disciple future generations.

As you backpack through stunning canyons and desert, you will come to gain the hard, soft and meta skills indicative of competent wilderness ministry leaders. Along the way you will also grow and experience for yourself how God uses the wilderness to bring people closer to His heart.

AGE: 21+

DURATION: 20 days

LOCATION:

Grand Canyon or Grand Staircase Escalante, UT



*What will you do
this year
that changes your life?*



PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Truly we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). What is more amazing is how God relates to us from an intimate knowledge of how we function and interact with our environment. Nowhere is this more fascinating than in how he teaches us and how we learn. We were created to learn. No one has to tell a baby to learn to crawl or walk, they are naturally motivated to do so. Inherent in us is a God-designed process of learning, growing, and developing. This development process has peaks and valleys as we advance from one level of understanding to another. At SROM, our philosophy of education is to come alongside this process and facilitate learning experiences that change people's lives.

SROM's pedagogy is informed by research on the science of learning and experiential education philosophy described by great thinkers like Kurt Hahn, Lev Vygotsky, and Kurt W. Fischer, as well as the discipleship practices modeled by Jesus. Our role as instructors is to facilitate learning experiences with great intentionality and address barriers to learning so that the student can learn more and go deeper in their conceptual understanding of truths. A teachable moment is a gift that should be stewarded with the same passion as any other limited resource.

"All education then becomes discipleship and mentorship."

Through nine years of applying cognitive research to learning, SROM has developed a unique model of experiential education. We have continually sought God's way of teaching and how to best meet students where they are. Our goal is not to impart information, but to facilitate values transference and life transformation. We want to facilitate real, impactful experiences. We want change and development to be intentional, not accidental. With that goal in mind, all education then becomes discipleship and mentorship.

The pursuit of God's way of teaching has led SROM to be on the cutting edge of experiential education theory and practice. Our method of education includes using the wilderness as our classroom, seeing education as discipleship, utilizing learning research for effective teaching practices, and drawing on the image of Christ that lives in every believer. We have seen the Holy Spirit work through each of these aspects and believe that when they all come together; it can create a powerful and life-changing experience.



POCKET WILDERNESS GUIDE TRAINING

Help others connect deeply with God and one another in your area.

We understand many people feel intimidated by the thought of backpacking for a week or longer. Thus the Pocket Wilderness Weekend was born – a mini escape into God's creation. We will teach you how to facilitate discussions, build authentic community, and teach basic camping skills to those who may have never done it before. Ready to lead others into the wilderness to refresh, renew, and connect deeply with God and one another?

AGE:
Adults (18+)

DURATION:
5 field days

LOCATION:
Online & Vedauwoo, WY

TEEN ADVENTURES

Ready for a wild adventure?

Come on an exciting adventure of scaling granite walls and backpacking through epic, mountainous country that will inspire and challenge you. Along the way form life-long friends and connect with God in ways you never have before. We know it can be scary to leave your phone behind but we promise it will be worth it.

AGE: 13–17 **DURATION:** 5–20 days

LOCATION:

Vedauwoo, WY & Wind River Range, WY



CREATION DEFICIT DISORDER

Americans are increasingly detached from the knowledge and experience of God’s creation. Water comes from the faucet and food comes from the store. Now only about 11% of those who participate in outdoor activities are 13 to 24 years old. When not in school, young Americans are usually using a smart phone, computer, or television. Another reason young people are not spending time outdoors is the inordinate fear of parents, convinced that their children will be unsafe and at risk of getting hurt or abducted. Most American lives are also highly scheduled and hectic. Trapped in the tyranny of the urgent, they are too busy to reflect on the transcendent.

“We are docents of God’s wilderness, pointing out the beauty, wonder, and power in His mountain creation as He fathers-forth His glory.”

Richard Louv dubbed the lack of appreciation for the outdoors as “nature-deficit disorder” in his book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*. Louv’s

research indicated that youth who spend time outdoors are less likely to be obese or get sick, to be stressed, and are more adaptable to life’s unpredictable turns.

Eighteenth century Scottish preacher William Cowper wrote, “Nature is but a name for an effect, whose cause is God.” In Matthew 6:28, Jesus states, “consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.” Jesus used natural revelation to proclaim truths about God’s Kingdom. Because our Lord used creation to encourage and instruct, so does SROM.

Every SROM instructor is a docent of God’s glory. We are docents of God’s wilderness, pointing out the beauty, wonder, and power in His mountain creation as He fathers-forth His glory. God reveals His glory in order to make Himself known. God uses His creation to elevate and transform people by helping summon the knowledge of God in their hearts, heighten their sense of His existence and majesty, and further prepare their hearts for the work of the Spirit in the proclamation of the Gospel of God’s Kingdom.



THE REWARD OF RISK

The wilderness has always been a place of challenge, adventure and risk. There are beautiful and remote places that only a handful of people will ever get to see. Our culture is risk-averse in many ways, creating environments that eliminate healthy outlets for the natural desire in young people to engage in risky activities. SROM provides programs and a beneficial environment of calculated risk for young adults that meet a deep developmental need. Despite the inherent physical risks of backpacking, rock climbing and mountaineering, the most statistically dangerous activity associated with a SROM course is driving to the programming area. Many SROM students come with hesitancy and excitement for the adventure ahead.

“The Lord will make your heart perilously bare before His raw and wild creation, your eyes open to a beauty larger than yourself.”

In addition to the intrinsic physical risks that go along with extended periods in the wilderness, students quickly realize there stands an even greater risk for the heart. Your human condition

is laid bare in the wilderness; your body, mind, and spirit are exposed and made vulnerable. The Lord will make your heart perilously bare before His raw and wild creation, your eyes open to a beauty larger than yourself, and he will give your mind the privilege of marveling at its Creator. Beyond all of this, your sin and weaknesses will inevitably become exposed to your team. You will have the opportunity to face yourself with people who will embrace you as the person God has made you to be.

Amidst this revelation you are called to love. Perhaps the greatest risk students find themselves taking is allowing themselves to love and be loved by their team. If there is anyone who can sympathize with the terrifying splendor of risking intimacy, that person is Jesus. He risked His divinity and His humanity by laying down His life at the cross and also living out the day to day with twelve other men. We are called to take this same risk by loving one another. Whether it is in a wilderness setting or an office, we have a Divine invitation to put our hearts on the line and live gospel lives together. The reward of risk is love and the redeemer of risk is the greatest Love of all- Jesus.

40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS

Follow in the footsteps of the great biblical leaders.

The 40 days & 40 nights course is a flagship course for SROM. It is our most epic, standalone course – the only course that has mountaineering, i.e. you get to learn how to use an ice axe! It is not only epic in the physical but also the spiritual. There seems to be something significant about 40 days in the Bible and a key part of developing leaders in the Kingdom of God. Is God alluring you away from the distractions of the world into His wild places?

AGE:

Adults (18+)

DURATION:

43 days

LOCATION:

Vedauwoo, WY; Snow Range Mtns, WY;
& Wind River Range, WY

A FATHERLESS GENERATION

The landscape of American families is marked by absent fathers. Today, 1 in 4 children live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in the home. Those that are born into families with fathers are likely to experience divorce and then experience reduced time with their father. Of those families that remain intact, many experience a father's presence that is passive. The resulting social and cultural implications of a fatherless America are staggering. Young people growing up without fathers are statistically more likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs and alcohol, engage in sexual promiscuity, and commit crime and violent acts.

"As our students experience the life and love of community and belonging, it begins to offset the detrimental impacts of living without the affirmation, affection and identity formation a father provides."

Many of the youth and young adults that SROM serves each year have been deeply affected by living in fatherless homes or have been impacted by a fatherless America. Contrary to a fatherless experience, SROM is creating an

opportunity for individuals to experience deep spiritual community, Christ-centered love, and authentic spiritual family. SROM offers an opportunity for people to encounter their Father in heaven in the context of authentic community. The activities we provide, the wilderness places we go to, and the atmosphere we strive to cultivate, all encourage individuals to let down walls of protection and isolation.

Between experiencing the Father's love personally and corporately, this kingdom-living begins to meet the deepest longings of the human heart for acceptance, belonging, love, affirmation and connection. As our students experience the life and love of community and belonging, it begins to offset the detrimental impacts of living without the affirmation, affection and identity formation a father provides. For most, the experience is deeply impacting. Through the love of Christ and through the love of community in divine order, the effects of living fatherless can be changed. This restorative process is one small, yet vital, brushstroke in God's greater redemptive story.



7/7 FATHER FAMILY ADVENTURE

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to their children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.

We invite fathers and their children to escape the daily distractions and go on a wild adventure together. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help heal and take your relationship deeper – showing your child that they are a priority to you. Embark on the experience of a lifetime, walking away with memories you will share forever. Are you ready to invest?

AGE: 14–18+ **DURATION:** 7 days

LOCATION:
Wind River Range, WY
or Snowy Range Mountains, WY

FIND YOUR ADVENTURE



TEENS



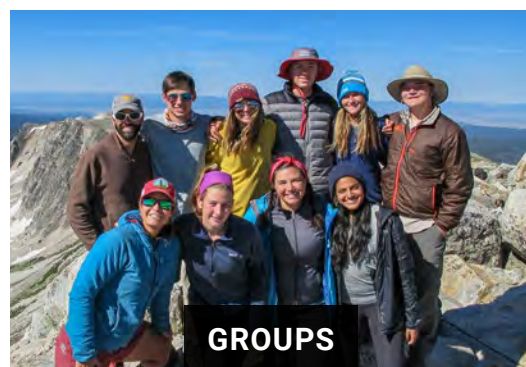
ADULTS



FAMILY



OUTDOOR EDUCATORS



GROUPS



ACADEMIC CREDIT

Ready to experience God's presence, grow as a servant leader, make lifelong friends, push your limits, and thrive in the wild? SROM has a wilderness adventure for you, whether you are a teen, adult, ministry leader, outdoor educator, family, or group. Let us help you find your transformational wilderness adventure.

On each wilderness course, you will have the opportunity to connect deeply with God, build authentic community, and grow as a leader. Your instructors will challenge you to go deep in your faith, step up and lead as LOD (leader of the day) and experience a safe and loving community.

View our complete list of courses online at:

www.srom.org

Or call us at (307) 755-0642



PASS IT ON

At SROM we believe stewardship is a daily responsibility, which includes the stewarding of our material resources, time, and relationships. Honor God with this small resource by praying about those in your community who would benefit from this text. There may be someone you know who is waiting to encounter Christ in the wilderness. Pass this catalog along to a friend, family member, mentor or classmate who might be encouraged and impacted by the ministry of SROM or may like to be involved through prayer, volunteering, working for SROM, or financial support. Make a difference in someone's life!



We hope that you have been encouraged by this collection of articles and understand the heart and core values of the ministry. Our aim is to inspire you to lean on and go deeper in your love of the King of Kings. We pray that you have been edified by our part of the body of Christ here in Laramie, Wyoming.

*It won't
be easy
but it will
be worth it.*



Join Us

SROM has been a growing and impactful deep wilderness ministry since 1983. Our vision is for each student to encounter God in a deep, catalytic and transforming way. Our goal is to equip and empower students to bring other sons and daughters into the family of God. As a Christ-centered wilderness ministry and outdoor education organization, we strive to create a context for spiritual transformation, leadership development, authentic community, character formation, and skill acquisition. We are a life-changing ministry, actively advancing the Kingdom.

Over that past 5 years, SROM has annually had an average of 165 students each spending an average of 10 consecutive days in the wilderness. Throughout the year there are ongoing needs for dozens of volunteers to assist staff in preparing for the next season. Duties include inspecting and repairing equipment, packaging food items, and numerous general office tasks. Each year we pray that the Lord sends both the staff and students to participate in the work He is doing at SROM. We encourage you to pray about how the Lord may use you in this work. If you are feeling called to be a part of this ministry, please contact us.



Explore how you can get involved

Join Our Staff:

Our staffing demands vary throughout the year including full-time, part-time and seasonal positions. Review current opportunities or apply online at www.srom.org.

Intern:

Internships are also a great way to serve at SROM, bringing together your individual gifting with an opportunity to fulfill ministry needs. Call us or visit www.srom.org to learn about upcoming internship opportunities.

Volunteer:

SROM's busiest season is April through August. During this time, much support and cooperation are needed to handle the intensive workload necessary to carry out the ministry of SROM.

Donate:

Since 1983, God has grown His work through provision of financial resources. We rely on Him to continue to provide for the future and invite you to partner in the lives of the next generation by sowing into the transforming ministry of SROM. If you want to invest into this fruitful work, please visit our website or send your gift to SROM:

617 Plaza Ct., Laramie, WY 82070

THE POWER OF GIVING

Would you like to be used by God to change a person's life? Would you like to make a difference in the world? If so, please consider making a financial donation to SROM. Your generosity will have an impact by funding the Christ-centered, life-transforming work of SROM. Partner with us through giving. Be a catalyst for change.

SROM makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people each year from all walks of life and economic backgrounds. Ongoing financial donations are vital to the ministry. Each year SROM relies on the gracious giving of individuals and organizations to continue providing life-changing wilderness ministry experiences. In order to provide transformative wilderness courses at a reduced cost, SROM only charges approximately half of actual costs. It is the generosity of alumni, parents, families, churches and foundations that donate to SROM that provide the additional half of our operational budget. This giving is an essential partnership with the ministry that creates tangible change in lives by continuing the work of SROM. We would be honored if you were a part of our financial partnership team.

We know that the ministry of SROM is effective and that God is moving in the lives of our alumni. Most of our students share how they grew in their relationship with God from SROM's spiritual programming and specifically mention enjoying the authentic community they experienced on course. Our students also regularly mention overcoming fear, growing in leadership skills and accomplishing more than they thought they could.

"Be a catalyst for change."

You can partner with us to make a difference. To be financially involved in the life-changing work that God is doing through SROM, you can mail a check or donate online by visiting the SROM website. All donations are tax deductible and year end giving statements are mailed to donors. Please pray about making a financial gift to support the mission, vision, values and programming of SROM. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

THE LEGACY

Drew Arnold started Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries (SROM) in 1983 while living in Casper, Wyoming and working as a youth pastor. He and his wife, Mary, had seen how the wilderness changed lives while working for Outward Bound. Inspired by his vision experience in 1977, Drew started SROM and began taking young people into creation to encounter God.

“Each student who attends a SROM course—past, present, and future—is a God-given reward for his dedicated obedience.”

In 1985 Drew and Mary moved to Laramie, Wyoming with their children Andrew and Amy. They were accompanied by Drew’s brother Joe and his wife Alison Arnold. The Arnolds came to plant Harvest Four Square church in the same town where Drew and Joe’s grandfather had been a Presbyterian minister in the early 1920s. Harvest Church understood Drew’s vision and passion for SROM and supported him by giving him time off to run summer courses.

Drew stepped down from pastoral responsibilities at Harvest Church to lead SROM full time in 1998. His Multiple Sclerosis was advancing and he knew that he did not have the collective strength



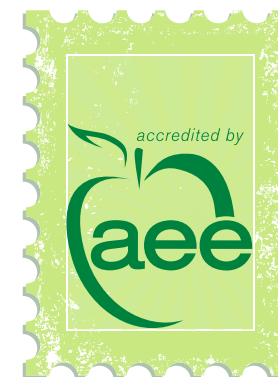
to lead Harvest and see SROM advance to new levels. In 1999 Andrew Arnold, Drew’s son, joined full time staff, later becoming the Executive Director in 2003. What began as an extraordinary vision had blossomed. At the same time, Drew’s physical capabilities were deteriorating. As full-time staff increased, Drew released more of the ministry management to the staff. In 2009 he stepped down from the SROM Board into retirement.

As founder of SROM and Executive Director for almost 20 years, Drew was faithful to the vision given to him by God. The fruit of that faithfulness and of a life well lived can be seen in the lives of every student he took into the backcountry. Each student who attends a SROM course—past, present, and future—is a God-given reward for his dedicated obedience. May we each endeavor to leave a legacy as rich as this; may we each be willing to count the cost. To God be the glory



ACCREDITATION & PARTNERS

Drew Arnold believed SROM could be a leader in the outdoor education field and recognized that accreditation with the AEE would be an important stone in our path. The AEE is a group of professors, programs, and professionals who value the learning environment and the outcomes of experiential education. For a program to gain organizational accreditation, it must submit evidence addressing all relevant policy or operational standards and undergo an external review process. Upon initial accreditation in 2006, SROM had to demonstrate compliance with 157 outdoor education and wilderness adventure programming standards. The number of standards has grown since that time.



ASSOCIATION FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

At SROM, we believe in excellence and greatly value the accreditation process. We believe we are called to transparently live and serve. SROM is accountable to the AEE in almost all areas of the organization, including board governance, vehicle and equipment maintenance, venue selection, staff hiring and training, program policies and practices, and risk management.

“How we live and operate the ministry testifies to who we are and who we think God is.”

SROM exists for our students. As such, we strive to steward and shepherd them as best we can. For us, this means that we know and follow preferred practices, stay aware of development in the field, and have external accountability. Moreover, we believe our value of excellence and our accreditation serve as a witness to both Christian and non-Christian programs. It has helped both parents and institutions of higher education have greater confidence entrusting us with their children and students. Mathew 5:16 says that others should “see your good works and praise your Father in heaven.” How we operate the ministry testifies to who we are and who we think God is. We believe that accreditation brings glory to God. Accreditation has opened up opportunities to partner with organizations, colleges and universities that provide certifications and college credit for the quality courses we offer. As Drew envisioned, it has been an important stone on our path.



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The Why

With everything SROM does we are guided by four core values and themes of scripture: The Glory of God, King & Kingdom, Father & Family, and To the Nations



The What

On every SROM adventure course, you will experience: Spiritual Transformation, Leadership Development, Authentic Community, Character Formation, and Skill Acquisition



Your Hero's Journey Begins Now

In the context of technical, deep wilderness adventures, our mission is to birth and grow mature Christ followers, sons and daughters of light who become loving and loyal disciples who make disciples of all nations.