



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training ©
APRIL 2021: Turkey Hunting, Camo and Crafts

7:30 Leader Meeting and Prayer time. This time is imperative and gives the leadership time to prepare their hearts for the meeting and time with the kids. Do not take this time lightly. Be on-time, meet with God first.

Leader Prayer: Lord lead us today in all areas. Prepare our hearts Holy Spirit, prepare the hearts of the boys we will mentor today. [Galatians 6:9](#) - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

8:30 Kids begin to arrive. Meet parents or guardian (make sure your releases are in place).

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| BEGINNING YOUR MEETING WITH KOZ STRUCTURE |
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8:45 Begin Meeting.

All together say your country's pledge.

KOZ Prayer: Lord, Thank you for making us strong and fierce warriors for you. We hunt, we fish and we share our faith with others. God Bless our Country. -Amen

KOZ Pledge: "No KOZ Left Behind" I solemnly pledge under oath that I will never leave my KOZ brothers behind. I will always be kind to them, help them when they look like they have too much, run to them when they yell for help, give them the best seat and first chance at everything. They are my brother's; we fight trouble together.

Work to get the boys to memorize the KOZ Prayer and use it as a tool for kids who have little experience in praying or are afraid to pray. (Before meals, before an adventure or other times as a reminder of who they are and what they represent).

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| LEADING INTO YOUR OUTDOORS SKILLS TRAINING |
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| Leader's first questions/discussion. Outdoor Training |
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Turkey Hunting, Camo and Crafts.

One of the most exciting and thrilling outdoor adventure is turkey hunting. Camo, calling, then harvesting a big ole Tom turkey can be addicting. Turkey hunting as does most hunting requires good camo and some gear you



might be able to make on your own.

Leaders first questions/discussion, outdoors training:

- Are the turkeys at the grocery store like the ones you get hunting? *Well sorta, but wild turkey are not farm raised and a lot harder to get.*
- Anyone know how to hunt turkey? *In the woods, near a river or water usually, use a shot gun and turkey shot because it is heavier.*
- Anyone know about calls? *Different types like box, slate, diaphragm. What do they sound like?*
- Can turkey see very good? *Yes, they have extremely good eyes and making sure you are covered from head to toe with camo is imperative.*
- Why do people wear camo?
- Have you ever made a turkey call, hunting stand, fishing pole or bird house?

LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Scripture Training: Leader's first questions/discussion

Heads Up HTL's:

This year we are teaching the boys the mantra "Do Hard Things." We want them to have in their minds that at the end of the day they are capable of doing things they never thought they could. When they learn they can hit a target, catch a fish, hike 3 miles or change the tire on a tractor they move closer to their design, they embrace a piece of their masculinity. From there they have confidence in school and in life situations they may not have had in the past. Each month you should also challenge them to **memorize the scripture** for that month. Have them write it, repeat it and learn it! There is also a "DHT Challenge" at the end of the day for them to take away.

Scripture: Jonah 1:17, Scripture: 1 Peter 3:2-4, When they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

Leaders first questions/discussion, bible training:

Every day we get bombarded with TV, radio and internet ads that tell us if we wear a certain pair of shoes or shirt or jeans – then we will be happy. They tell us if we have those things we will be cool and hip.

- What does it mean "Do not let your adorning be external?" Is it "Urban Camo"?



- Can they be talking about those Nike Tennis Shoes you have to have to be one of the guys?
- Does it say don't braid your hair or wear gold jewelry? Why
- Who is the "hidden person of the heart?"

A big part of this lesson is that all the pressure to wear certain things, drive a certain vehicle, look a certain way doesn't really mean a lot to Jesus. He wants us to worry about the inside not outside -

NOTE: Let them talk – leave time between when you say something and they can speak – let it be silent for a while if you have to – they grow close in times of quiet – allow Him to come.

STOP & BEGIN OUTDOOR SKILLS TRAINING

BEGIN OUTDOOR SKILLS TRAINING: IDEA TRAIL

Your gear is super important. If you don't take care of your guns or fishing reels they won't do what you need them too when you need them to work!

Things to do this month:

- Have someone from the National Wild Turkey Federation - a local chapter, come and speak.
- Ask state or federal agent to come speak.
- Make a camo shirt or hat with burlap, markers, paint, sticks etc.
- Go into the woods and teach camo and concealment skills (Sniper and Special Forces do this as well)
- Order different calls, diaphragm and others for the boys to try to use.
- Set up a shooting course with cardboard turkeys and use BB guns to shoot them - or shot guns.
- Show the different types of shotguns and cut open some shotgun shells showing the difference in the load used for turkey opposed to dove etc.

FIELD NOTES: Other CRITICAL TEACHING should include:

Gun Safety: This may be a good time to host a hunter safety class.

Turkey Hunters: There may be a turkey hunter in your group or area that can bring a freshly harvested turkey for cleaning and to use the feathers.

Other places for good information and literature.

- <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Ghillie-Suit>
- <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Camo-Suit>
- <http://www.wikihow.com/Do-Camo-Spray-Paint>



GOING OFF THE TRAIL THIS MONTH?

IMPORTANT: Use the opening/use the close, prayer/ sit spots and prayer cards.

All groups should use the foundational structure of KOZ each month. The starting, the prayer, sit spots etc. as a common element to every meeting. Everything from sledding to swimming, hiking to fly fishing. The key to going off the trail is to keep the structure in place.

Get them outside move their bodies, adventure and exploration. Keep it exciting, keep it real, be intentional about bringing them into a relationship with Christ.

"It's a sin to bore a kid with the gospel," Jim Rayburn, founder of Young Life.

Outdoor Training Conclusion

ASK POINTED QUESTIONS ON THE OUTDOOR SKILLS THEY LEARNED TODAY

Drive home a point, hand out literature or take-home materials, brochure from parks dept. or other.... A gallon plastic Ziplock bag with their name on it works great each month to collect their take home materials.

- What are some of the tools you used today?
- How many types of turkey are in America – what is the grand slam in turkey hunting?
- What are the names of a young male, female, mature male turkey?
- What are some of the reasons a person would use camo when turkey hunting, other hunting?
- Comment on each kid and something they *did well*.
- Give them handouts or gifts, tools, printouts on "how too" things you did today.

Scripture Training & Heart Takeaway

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:2-4, When they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

TRAIL MAP #1: There are so many things we use to cover up who we are. Do you ever wish for a certain shirt or pair of tennis shoes? Do you get mad or embarrassed because you don't have a gun or fishing rod (a toy or



truck) like someone else? Do you think that is covering up something else inside your heart? Do outside things fix inside hurts? No they never do. Are nice things a sin? No they are not but if we are trying to feel better with things like clothes or a new phone or a video game it wont last. Turkey are fooled by calls and camp, we can be fooled too.

God has made you perfect. You don't have to do anything for Him to love you. If you pray for Jesus in your heart, Romans 10:9, He will be there for you and no matter the shoes you wear, how you cut your hair, whether you like turkey or bears - He will be there (funny rhymes I know).

You are an amazing person, what keeps you from letting God love you? Your heavenly Father's love cannot be taken away. "Stand Firm," Ephesians 6:11-13

TRAIL MAP #2:

Drive home the points:

- Turkey hunting can be exciting but knowing how to do it is the difference between success and failure most times. A mentor like your KOZ leaders can make all the difference in your hunt and your life.
- Camo helps us hide or blend in with our surroundings and helps us be successful in the hunt. New clothes or stuff will never help us cover up our feeling for long.
- When we make things by our own hands we understand better how they work, why they work. God has made each of us by hand and He really understand us.
- Learning to be still and quiet while you hunt is so important. Just like our KOZ Sit Spots, we can hear nature and God better than any other time.

The Sit Spot and God

SIT SPOT Purpose:

- Pass out a blank index card and pen. Have them write one thing they learned today and something they need prayer for. Let them know the KOZ leaders will be carrying their cards and praying every day.

Let them know *It is a private prayer between your leaders and them, they don't have to put their name on the card.*

TO PONDER: Give the boys something to ponder, use the questions above, and ask them to go to a sit spot - let them stay while you prepare lunch (quietly without distracting the quiet moment) - (15-30 min.)



- **SEND LEADERS TO SIT SPOTS!** If a leader is not assigned a task have them also find a sit spot. It is good for the boys to see the adult leaders doing the same as they are asked to do. **QUIET TIME IS ESSENTIAL.**

LUNCH & KOZ LEADERSHIP TAG TRAINING

CALL BACK FOR LUNCH - While they are eating lunch – Review topics of the day. Chat with the boys. Enjoy time, food, fellowship.

This month your “Do Hard Things Challenge” is: Do a chore without being asked and don’t expect anything for doing it. Pick up dog poop and mow the year. Unload or load the dishwasher. Wash the windows of your house or wash your moms car. This month is the chore challenge. Keep it up all month and report back how it felt to be helping to your KOZ HTL.

WORK ON KOZ DOG TAGS Ask boys if they are working toward KOZ TAGS. Greenhorn, Coyote, etc. This is a good time to teach this material. Ask if any of the boys are new – **give them their KOZ Nation dog tag** (the first one)

GIVE A BOY HIS NAME IN KOZ We have found that giving boys a nickname is a huge tool for them. Giving a boy a “New Name” has been a game changer for many. A strong, fierce name is important. Jesus and His Father both gave new names. Ask prayerfully what name a boy should have. The leaders decide **NOT** the boys. It is an honor bestowed, even if funny.

As you wait for the parents to arrive:

- Tell the boys you love them. That they are important. That if they have not prayed to ask Christ into their hearts to come talk to a KOZ HTL (**ROMANS 10:9**).
- If a kid wants to be baptized, have them talk to you about it - you can do it somewhere really cool!

Perform a service project on site. Teach the boys to ALWAYS leave your area BETTER than it was when you got there.

Parents arrive. Greet them and tell them how good their kid did. – Tell the boys to invite a friend!

Hand out literature or take home materials.... A gallon plastic Zip lock bag with their name on it works great each month to collect their take home materials.



Stay, Read the Sit Spot Cards. Pray over the cards together. Divide them among the HTL's for the month.