



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training © June 2021: Savage Beasts and Prey Month

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).

BEGINNING YOUR MEETING WITH KOZ STRUCTURE

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).

LEADING INTO YOUR OUTDOORS SKILLS TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion. Outdoor Training

THE PREDITOR. WILD, MEAN, REAL.

With trail cameras and everyone's phone a camera there is a lot more information on coyotes, bear and other predators. The way they attack, what they attack, how they attack. Gruesome. Real. Brutal. Why would we



hunt predators?

Leaders first questions/discussion, outdoors training:

- Have you ever seen a predator? A coyote, wolf, bobcat?
- What predators live in your area?
- What are some of the rules and guidelines for hunting predators?
- Do you know anything about trapping? (it's used to control predators)
- If you could hunt one predator what would it be? (Lion in Africa, Coyote, Mountain Lion in America)
- HTL tell predator hunting stories if appropriate, if you have one!

LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Scripture Training: Leader's first questions/discussion
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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, the embrace a piece of their masculinity. From their they have confidence in school and in life situations they may not have had in the past. Each month you should as 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: Matthew 7:15, Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. (last month was the very next scripture, do they remember it?)

Leaders first questions/discussion, bible training:

What in the world is a prophet? Making money (profit)? What is a false prophet, one that is not real. Yes wolves eat sheep if they can get them, but why is this in the bible and what could it mean for me? These are all great questions for you to be asking, and learning about.

- Do you think there were wolves in the bible days?
- Why do they talk about sheep and wolves? (It was a common sight and practice to have sheep and loose them to predators)
- What does it mean to look like a sheep but really inside be a wolf?



- Do you know anyone who is always nice around parents or grown-ups but is really a trouble maker when they are not around?
- Do you know any grown-ups who act one way around people but another when it's just you or your family? (careful here, this can go bad quickly if a kid has abusive parents or wants to share some deep information - high alert men!)
- Do you have a side to you that may be a wolf in sheep's clothing? (we all do)

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 & ADVENTURE

BEGIN OUTDOOR SKILLS TRAINING: IDEA TRAIL

There are a lot of reasons to hunt predators. They can decimate a deer herd, kill your pets, kill farmers animals, carry diseases like rabies and more.

Things to do this month:

- Invite in a trapper.
- Invite in a Game Warden.
- Go to a taxidermy shop or visit a trophy room in someone's home.
- Watch a video on trapping or coyote hunting.
- Visit a retailer who carries trapping and predator items.
- Teach them how to use a predator call - all types like electronic, mouth, hand and more.

A few ideas can include:

- Set up a bb gun range for accurate shooting then give out awards.
- Build traps, snares and other predator catching items.
- Make predator calls.
- Teach the boys to tie knots - they need to be strong to hold traps and other outdoor gear.
- Make survival bracelets
- Teach them about knives, how to use, sharpen etc. They are essential outdoor gear and can be used to build traps ,skin etc.

FIELD NOTES: Other CRITICAL TEACHING should include

DANGER: Traps and other legal lethal means of removing predators can be very dangerous. Traps and other similar methods must be treated with caution and care.

Don't do this. It is never good for boys to have their phones during KOZ and never film trapping, hunting,



processing of game or predators. There may be some who do not agree with hunting, fishing, shooting sports or other KOZ activities. We never want a KOZ boy to be confronted or to have material go out that has not been approved for public use.

Other places for good information and literature.

~The internet always has resources but be careful on this topic, there are some bad sites with poor information. Here are some great sites with "Making Coyote Calls"

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPyC3TEnQ7Y>

A cool old document on predator calling from Kansas State University (printable PDF)

- <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/c400.pdf>

This is a brilliant snare video. (caution: may not want kids to take home snares)

Got other plans for this month?

Lots of groups use the foundation of KOZ on some months and provide other opportunities for their kids. Everything from sledding to swimming, hiking to fly fishing. The key to going off the trail is to keep the structure in place. **Use the opening/use the close, prayer/ sit spots and prayer cards.** 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.

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GOING OFF THE TRAIL THIS MONTH?

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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?
- Name some predators?
- What and how do predators damage the eco system?
- What are some of the ways landowners manage predators?
- Are their predators in your area?
- 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 and Heart Takeaway

Scripture: Matthew 7:15, Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

TRAIL MAP #1: It has taken us years to get the many details on how a predator hunts. It is the same way with Satan and how he traps us. Has Satan ever trapped you, have you made a decision to do something even when you KNEW it was wrong and you shouldn't? Do you have people you think are your friends getting you in trouble? What can you do to protect yourself? How can you protect others?

This lesson is teaching them that they will have things happen that might be Satan at work. It might be him working through someone else that they see. It takes years to understand sometimes, but they need to be aware. They need to know that prayer and knowing Jesus is what will get them out of the traps and dangers, when it all boils down to it, He is the one who will rescue them or give them the strength to win the battle they might have.

REMIND THEM: 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 were, how you cut your hair, whether you like ducks or bears - He will be there (funny rhymes I know).

TELL THEM - READ THEM: 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:

- First, you are good. Jesus knows you and your heart, and He loves you.
- Second, Jesus does not set traps for us to see if He can catch us doing something bad or trick us into doing something bad. Satan does, but not Jesus.
- There are hard things out there, bad people, it will always be like that in this world. But that does not have to define you in anyway.
- When you know Jesus and are filled with the Holy Spirit (Romans 10:9) you are given the tools to fight evil.
- You are never too young to a warrior for Jesus.

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: Write a letter. So many young people don’t have even the slightest idea of why or how to write a letter. Take this time to teach them, pick out a group, person or cause to write too. Bring envelopes, stamps and paper. Help them get them set and send them home with the



responsibility to write it and mail it. Tell their parents. Letters, a personal note to someone is a wonderful gift in today's world.

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.