



**KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training ©**  
**July 2021: Guns, Guns, Guns - *All things Shooting Sports***

**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).

<b>BEGINNING YOUR MEETING WITH KOZ STRUCTURE</b>
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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).*

<b>LEADING INTO YOUR OUTDOORS SKILLS TRAINING</b>
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<b>Leader's first questions/discussion. Outdoor Training</b>
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**FIREARMS AND SHOOTING SPORTS**

Guns are a big deal today for a lot of reasons. There are so many of them, all types. They are used for target practice, shooting for fun and hunting are a few of the reasons people own guns. There are also shooting clubs



in some schools that can help you get scholarships for college. Many people also own them to protect themselves. The first thing everyone should do is to learn about gun safety and handling. Secondly, you should always know about the gun you are shooting.

Leaders first questions/discussion, outdoors training:

- Do you own a gun?
- Have you shot one? What kind?
- What are some things you know guns are used for?
- Do guns scare you?
- If you could learn about guns, what would you want to learn?

## 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: John 14:26,** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

#### Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

In KOZ it is always good to have other KOZ Brothers to help us when we need help. Our KOZ pledge is exactly that:

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- What is this bible verse talking about?
- Who knows where in the bible John is? Old or New Testament. Who was John?
- Who is talking here? Who is the Father they are talking about?
- Who is the helper they are talking about?
- What is He saying they are going to learn and remember?

**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**

Firearms, guns are serious. They are not toys, they are serious. Always make sure you keep “serious” in front of them. Only teach them industry and sporting standards. NO REDNECK CRAZY – This month is not about hunting something, just firearms in general.

#### **Things to do this month:**

- Go to a gun range and shoot guns! (Farm or ranch with permission)
- Visit a gunsmith and learn about firearms.
- Have one of your KOZ leaders teach about shooting.
- Contact the National Shooting Sports Association, NRA or your local state rifle association.
- It is especially good to give the boys all types of firearms to try from pistols to rifles, shotguns to AR's.
- Teach NRA shooting levels (marksmanship) See NRA link below.
- Boys can learn basic safety easily. Set up a bb gun range for accurate shooting then give out awards.
- Put together a strategic shooting range. If all you have are bb guns, they can be used but create long and short range shooting elements.
- Give them targets to take home that they shot.
- Teach on shot placement for game animals.

#### **FIELD NOTES: Other CRITICAL TEACHING should include**

**SAFETY:** Again. Firearm safety is always top priority

**Know your gun:** Never use or allow a boy or leader to use a firearm that is not first inspected and known by your range master.

**Gear:** Always have eye and ear protection.

**Never:** Don't put a large caliber firearm on the shoulder of a boy. Best practices are .22 caliber. Large guns, the sound and kick can ruin a boy for shooting sports.



### Other places for good information and literature.

- National Shooting Sports Foundation: <http://www.nssf.org>  
This site has printable targets and lots of great info.
- National 4-H Shooting Sports: <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org>  
Everything including scholarship information.
- NRA Youth Shooting: <http://youth.nra.org/>
- All types of great info including Marksmanship Training info.

### 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.

- Who can tell us the caliber of some of the guns we learned about today?
- What kind of gun is used for deer, turkey, elephant, and home safety?
- Which gun did you like the best? What target did you like shooting at best? (far, close, breaking bottles, balloons etc.?)
- Ask each kid what is something you learned today? Dig in for specifics.
- 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: John 14:26**, But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

**TRAIL MAP #1:** To learn most lessons you need a teacher or mentor (like a KOZ HTL Leader). God sent the Holy Spirit after Jesus left to be with everyone who prayed for Christ in their heart. He is our helper when we are trying to learn about Christ. Do you know Him?

The idea, who the Holy Spirit is might be hard to understand but His true mission is to help you stay connected to Jesus. Learning about the bible, Christ, the Holy Spirit can take a while but then learning each caliber of gun or how to shoot really well can too.

When we learn to be still and listen, when we ask questions, when we pay attention we learn. When the teacher or mentor cares about us, loves us and we can trust them it is even that much better.

ASK the boys if they know Jesus in their hearts. Ask if any of them want to ask Him into their hearts. Pray for them, pray over them. Sit them in a circle and walk around them touching each one on the head and praying for them. Amen!

#### TRAIL MAP #2

#### Drive home the points:

- Everyone needs to learn and a teacher or mentor is the best way.
- You can be a mentor or teacher to others as well. You already are, people watch you like friends and little brothes and sisters.
- New KOZ guys watch you and you mentor them how to be a KOZ guy.
- Jesus loves us and wanted to make sure he did not leave us alone, abandoned. He left the Holy Spirit and we can trust Him.
- Learn to hear the Holy Spirit, your KOZ leaders can talk to you about that.

### 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:** Friendship. Do something nice for a friend. Don’t tell them why, just do it. Take them to the movies, invite them to go swimming, shoot BB guns or camp out. While you are with them tell them, “You are a good friend.” They will feel so good, so happy and so will you. Care for a friend this month. It’s important.

**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.**