



**KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training®**  
**November 2021: Deer Hunting, Period**

**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**

**This is it. This is the time of year, the season, so many people go crazy waiting for. What hunting season is it? DEER SEASON!!!!** Big yell and whoop! Did you know there are even some places where kids are let out of school the first few days of deer season.



- Do you like that idea? (No School and go hunting)
- Do you want to deer hunt now? Have you been deer hunting?
- Did you know that there are more deer now than ever before?
- Why are there more deer now than before if we hunt them?
- Did you know deer meat is some of the healthiest meat you can eat?
- **KEY QUESTION:** When your hunting deer there is a lot of waiting. Waiting for one to show up, waiting for the right one, being patient. Why is that?

### 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: Micah 7:7**, But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

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

So we know that when you're hunting a lot of time there is a lot of waiting. It can be the same thing when we talk to God. A lot of times it seems he doesn't answer our prayers, or does he?

- When you ask God for something or help and he doesn't answer do you get angry?
- Do you think God answers every prayer? Can no answer be an answer.
- Can you tell about a time God did or did not answer a prayer? (*Leader Share to get it started*)

**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

#### Things to do this month:

- Teach the boys all the seasons, rules and regulations
- Tour a deer lease or retailer and show them everything
- Buy all the boys a licenses/explain Hunters for the Hungry
- Target Shooting or actual deer hunting
- **KOZ FAVORITE!** Bring in a deer shot that week and process it from the skinning to grill. LET THE BOYS DO THE WORK!
- Take the boys to a deer processor or taxidermist
- Teach the boys how to prepare and cook deer meat
- May be a time to watch a certain amount of deer hunting video's
- **Nothing REDNECK** - proper rules and laws need to be understood. Invite a Game Warden over.

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

If you teach a small group of topics they can take away lifelong skills. Try creating several different areas and break the boys up into teams. Have a competition.

Deer hunting is a sacred and lifelong passion for many and a core KOZ teaching.

#### Other places for good information and literature.

Buckmasters

<http://www.buckmasters.com/>

Quality Deer Management

<http://www.qdma.com/>

Your state Parks and Wildlife Department

There is so much to do with deer hunting. From creating a camo shirt to field dressing and eating a deer, it is wide open. One rule to remember if shooting, **don't put a large caliber rifle to a young early shooters shoulder. This can create a fear that lasts for years.** Always teach ethical and legal means and don't tell stories that may create a perception of poor choices or behavior when not necessary.



## 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.

- How many deer are there in America? (over 30 million - up from a low of 300K)
- What is the best place to shoot a deer?
- What are some ways to hunt deer? (blind, tree stand, spot & stalk)
- What is a Doe? A spike? Buck?
- Bambi is a cartoon - we don't hunt cartoons (Bambi)
- What are some foods you can make from a deer?
- When is deer season (in your state or area)
- Do you have to have a licenses?
- Something else you learned?
- Would you like to go deer hunting one day?

## SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

**This Month's Scripture: Micah 7:7,** But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.



**TRAIL MAP #1:** Deer hunting can be so exciting. There is a lot of planning and preparation to be successful at deer hunting. Can you believe that some people do all that preparation then never shoot a deer? For a lot of people who have been hunters for a while, the fun part, the part they like most is the getting camp ready and spending time with friends there.

Going to church can be fun. Seeing your friends, talking about life with your teachers there. Do you have someone who you can talk to when things are hard? Do you ever talk to God? Sometimes when we are waiting on a deer and don't see one it is like praying and talking to God. We know there are deer, lots of them. We know that sometimes we get one and other times we don't, but they are there. God is always there listening too but sometimes His answer is wait, or no. Sometimes it is not what we want to hear but we have to learn to trust Him, wait for Him, talk to Him again.

God loves you so much He allowed His Son to die on the cross. We want you to know what that means. We want you to know that even when you mess up He loves you, we love you. What are you willing to give up for God, to help make things better at home, something you know is wrong or you should not be doing?

**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***

### 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: Read the KOZ Pledge and Prayer every morning.** This is a great way to learn how to pray. You don’t have to be a preacher to pray. If you already do this try reading a specific scripture every day, the same one every day until the next KOZ. God loves to hear from you and He is listening when you pray. He loves it. This will help you stay #KOZStrong.

**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.**

**TELL THEM TO INVITE A FRIEND NEXT MONTH!**