



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training®

December 2021: *Give-Back 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

Do unto others. Share. Love others. We are so blessed. Even when there are hard things in our lives, there are others who face even harder things. One way to get some relief is to help others. Giving back to a family in need, another kid. We are blessed when we bless.



- What are some of the cool things you have done in KOZ?
- What are some of the things you want to do in KOZ?
- What was your best Christmas or birthday gift?
- Do you know any kids who don't have much?
- Have you ever helped someone else? Elderly, mom, friend, neighbor. Tell us about it.
- If you could do one thing, something big, to help someone else, what would it be?

LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Scripture Training: Leader's first questions/discussion

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.

This Month's Scripture: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

What if your blood could cure Ebola, would you give it all away to save other people, ones you don't even know? What if you had a son and a scientist told you his blood would cure the world of sickness, would you let him die so they could use his blood?

- Do you understand God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
- Has God ever given you something you prayed for?
- Do you think God is real?
- Why did Jesus die on the cross - (try to avoid the Sunday school class answer)
- Have you prayed for Jesus in your heart? Romans 10:9, John 3:16

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

There is so much to do here.

Things to do this month:

This is a special month where we get off the trail and do something with a little different meaning. Give it back somehow to someone, some place.

- Visit an elderly home or hospital
- Make street bags for the homeless
- Collect sleeping bags or blankets and coats for the homeless
- Make packages for soldiers

FIELD NOTES: This is a chance to pick anything you feel would provide the kids with a chance to give back. Explain how important it is to give back. It can be something they are challenged with at home as well. They can empty the dishwasher, clean their rooms, take out the trash. All without being asked. That is a give back. If they go to church, there may be some ways they can give back there as well.

FIELD NOTES: Other CRITICAL TEACHING should include:

Make Blankets: Take two pieces of fleece and cut fringe around the edges. Then you knot the fringes to make a nice, plush blanket. These blankets can be dropped off at animal shelters, homeless shelters, pregnancy centers, etc. Check "Project Lynus" for other ideas on blankets.

Sponsor a Family: Often you can find giving trees at churches or malls, where you can pick a tag off the tree and buy a gift that has been requested. One year, my kids were really moved by a child who had requested socks and Tupperware for his mom. If there's no giving tree near you or you want to do more for a family, check out "The Box Project".

Adopt A Soldier: The "Adopt A Soldier" program is a wonderful opportunity to teach your children about the sacrifices that military service members make for our country. You can sign up for a one-time commitment and assemble a holiday care package to send.

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 does it make you feel to give back?
- What are some other things that you can do this month to give back?
- Who do you want to secretly bless this month? You can't say a word, just bless them.

SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: Romans 5:8, But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

TRAIL MAP #1: God gave His son, so you could have the blessing of Jesus in your life. Do you know what that means? Do you know how much God must love you? Do you know how hard it must have been to let His son be treated like he was and then hung on the cross to die. If you pray for Jesus in your heart you will begin to understand just how much what He did means.

We are not saved by what we do. You cannot earn your entry into heaven. But we are called to do "works" as a Christian.

It is also imperative as an outdoors adventurer to leave the places we go better than we found them. Step up, help out, do more, leave no trace on the land. God blesses us with these beautiful places and we should honor that. Let's do things that help others and are pleasing to God. Do something incredible this month. Help, Share, love on someone else. Teach, give back.



TRAIL MAP #2:

Drive home the points:

- You will rarely feel better than after you give something from your heart.
- Jesus was the ultimate giver.
- There are times we do things and we do them without anyone knowing.
- Donating or tithing is one thing God challenges us to do.
- Don't make giving a once a year activity.

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. Tell them if they want you to pray for them or something going on to please write it on the card and you will pray for them this week. *It is a private prayer between your leaders and them, they don't have to put their name on the card. If they don't have a prayer, tell them to just put their name on the cards.*

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: Memorize a scripture. Each year KOZ leaders take time to ask God – “What do you have for me this year.” They ask him for a special word or scripture to operate by, one that means something. You KOZ boys are challenged to pick a scripture and memorize it before next KOZ. Pick one that you can explain why you picked it. Long or short, ask Jesus which one then come share it with us!



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!