



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training©

JUNE: Meat eating predators. The Carnivore

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.

8:30 Kids begin to arrive. Meet parents or guardian (CHECK ALL PAPER WORK).

BEGINNING YOUR MEETING WITH KOZ STRUCTURE

8:45 Begin Meeting.

All together say the *American Pledge of Allegiance*.

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 America. -Amen

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. Outdoors Training

You are the top of the food chain. Man can and will eat just about any other animal. There are also a lot of animals that would eat a man. Animals that eat meat, carnivores, range in all sizes. Many ants eat meat just like a lion or wolf, coyote or badger. They don't usually barbeque or season it up, but they like it all just the same. Meat eaters are almost always predators. They hunt and kill their food. Unlike man for the most part the kill by a predator can be brutal and painful when a hunter is accurate and fast.

- Name a few predators.
- What stories have you heard?
- Are there any predators in your area?
- What are some ways you can protect against attacks from predators?
- Can carnivores eat meat and berries, veggies.
- What would be the most dangerous animal?



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: 1 Samuel 17: 34-35, But David said to Saul. "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went out after him and rescued it from his mouth, and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him.

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

It seems there are a lot of times in our life when things just seem so hard. School, family, friends. We struggle with doing the right thing and making good choices. Maybe we want to be strong for our family or friends but we just don't know how or if we even can.

- Who was Saul and who was David?
- Have you ever done anything super hard or scary?
- What scares you the most?
- When things are scary do you pray? Do you have a special prayer you use?



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 rules and regulations regarding predator hunting.
- Invite in a trapper to speak. Teach the boys about snares and other predators trapping.
- Build homemade predator calls.
- Watch a video on predator hunting.
- Go over all the predators that line in your region and how to prevent attacks or if they did get attacked what to do.
- Take the boys to a taxidermist or a big game hunter's trophy room (Africa/lions etc)
- Invite a Game Warden to speak.

**Note always add an EXTREME element to your KOZ day. Be creative.*



FIELD NOTES: 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.

Other places for good information and literature. The internet always has resources but be careful there are some bad sites with poor information.



National Trappers Association
www.nationaltrappers.com/

Making a predator call video
www.wymanmeinzer.com/building-a-predator-call/

Make A Predator Call in Four Easy Steps
www.instructables.com/id/How-to-make-a-CHEAP-Predator-call-in-only-FOUR-STE/

Everything from Grizzly Bears to Coyotes the predator is an amazing creature. In many areas they have become severely over populated and it is good to reduce the numbers by hunting them. Few things are as exciting as hunting predators. Calls, camo, learning where they live and how they move around in the woods is part of the predator hunters training.

Got other plans for this month?

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

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.

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.

OUTDOOR TRAINING CONCLUSIONS

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 was your favorite part of today's KOZ?
- Name some predators in your area?
- Do predators ever attack people or pets?
- Name some big carnivores.
- What are some of the tools used for trapping and hunting predators?
- If you could hunt one predator, what would it be and why?
- Why do we hunt predators?

SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

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KOZ: There are so many things that eat us up today. Most of us don't have to worry about lions, bears or wolves in our lives. But sometimes it can seem worse if we are having trouble at home, our parents are fighting, your dad left, school is really hard, somebody is sick. Those things can be so painful. It almost seems like it would be easier to go track down a bear, pull your pet dog from his mouth and then fight the bear. But God wanted us to hear the story of David for a reason, like every story in the bible. We need to know that even the little guy, even when it seems like it might be impossible to get over something, study hard and pass a test, tell your parents something, quit a bad habit, we can.

With God we can. He is always there and so are you KOZ leaders. Talk to us, we want to help you fight and win the battle. So does God. Pray for Him in your heart and win! You are as mighty as David.

REMIND THEM: God has made you as an amazing person. Individual, special and unique. If you have not heard that for a while, I want to tell you that. I care about you, you matter to me. Talk to me if you need to talk.

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 GUIDANCE

CALL BACK FOR LUNCH - While they are eating lunch –

DOG TAGS ARE A HUGE MOTIVATOR Ask boys if they are working toward KOZ TAGS. Greenhorn, Coyote, LIT, HTL. This is a good time to teach this material.

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. Clean up any trash or debris. Teach the boys to ALWAYS leave your area BETTER than it was when you got there. **Parents arrive. Greet them, tell them how good their kid did.**

TELL THEM TO INVITE A FRIEND NEXT MONTH!