



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© SEPTEMBER: Birds of a Feather

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

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. Outdoor Training

Bird Hunting can be super fun. Have you ever seen a bird flush from a bush? They are fast and the hunting exciting. Specialty trained dogs are almost always a part of bird hunting and they are simply amazing. This month we are learning about the different birds we hunt, when, how and why. This is going to be fun so hang on!

Talk about:

- Have you ever been bird hunting?
- What types of birds do we hunt?
- Does bird hunting require special gear or permits?





LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: Matthew 6:26, Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:

It does not seem that birds are worried about much does it? God is so good to them and most of the animals. They never have to worry about their parents, their friends, their grades or anything except maybe where to land for a quick rest. God used birds to explain things all throughout the bible.

- Do you know any other bible scripture with birds?
- When you see a bird flying does it make you think?
- Do you think animals are as important as people?

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

- Skeet shooting activity (explain trap vs skeet)
- Setup Shotgun Reloading station and reload ammo prior to shooting shotguns
- Contact Amateur Bird Dog Retriever Club (google search local bird dog clubs)
- Demonstrate Debreasting dove/quail (freeze several whole birds to unthaw for demonstration)
- Contact local Game Warden to discuss migratory birds patterns (why some leave and others stay)

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

FIELD NOTES: The Bird Dog demonstration can be very powerful and a great example in action of “serving the master” and how these bird dogs enjoy fulfilling their purpose in pleasing the master. What a great reflection of how we should feel in our relationship with Christ!

Other places for good information and literature. Here are some sites where we have found great content of



this lesson plan. The internet always has resources but be careful there are some bad sites with poor information. We do not endorse nor are we associated with any of the sites listed below. The information there may change as well.

- HRC (Hunting Retriever Clubs) see nationwide club list: www.huntingretrieverclub.org/localclubsites.shtml
- NSSA (National Skeet Shooting Association) www.nssa-nsca.org/index.php/nssa-skeet-shooting/
- NCSA (National Sporting Clays Association) www.nssa-nsca.org/index.php/nsca-sporting-clays-shooting/
- Skeet shooting vs Trap Shooting explained: www.nssf.org/shooting/sports/shotgun.cfm
- Tips for Better Wing & Clay and Shooting (young instructor video) www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6cx5dnmaZU

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.

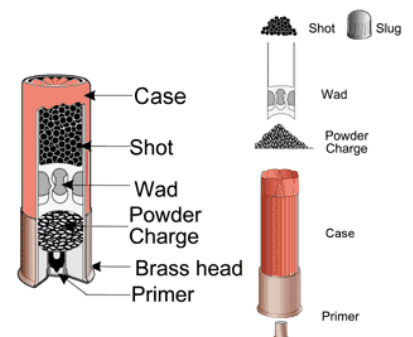
Get them outside move their bodies, adventure and exploration. Keep it exciting, keep it real, be intentional about bringing them into a relationship with Christ.

OUTDOOR TRAINING CONCLUSIONS

Ask pointed questions on the outdoor skills they learned today.

Drive home a point...

- What was your favorite part of KOZ today?
- What types of shotguns are there?
- What is in a shotgun shell?
- What birds do you have to hunt in their season?
- What is a migratory bird, what do they do, where do they go?





SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: Matthew 6:26, Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Trail Map #1, Matthew 6:26

Did you know that God thinks that you are valuable? God cares for you. He loves you so much that he makes sure you have what you need.

We've talked about birds today. In Matthew 6:26 he compares his concern for you to how he cares for the birds. Then he tells you that YOU are even more valuable than the birds that he feeds and cares for.

How does God feed the birds? How does God keep them warm in the winter? How does God feed you and keep you warm?

He's made all the foods of the earth for you. He's provided all of us with warm houses and beds. We have so much more than the birds. You are God's creation and He cares for you and He always will. RM

Trail Map #2, Matthew 6:26

Who here hunts upland game birds; birds like grouse, pheasants, quail, chucker? Did you ever think what all goes into hunting them? For most of us we have to go to a game ranch and pay to hunt birds like this because where we live these types of birds are not a native species. Do you know that the going rates for one male pheasant averages between \$30-\$45 per bird! I don't know about you but that pretty steep price if you ask me. But I guess if we look at it there's a lot goes into the raising and feeding of these animals for ranches and hunting clubs like this. But what about something bigger like a trophy buck on a private ranch? A hunt like that can cost you upwards of \$10,000 if you throw in lodging and travel expenses you could buy a new car! Now that little pheasant looks pretty reasonable doesn't it!

At your ages you might not have a grasp on this yet but everything in life has a value attached to it. Your favorite gun, your best rod, your car, your house....heck even your lunch has a value.

Today's scripture talked about how much God values even the smallest bird. I don't know about you but there are some days when I feel worthless; I feel like I have no value at all. But the beauty is that God never sees us the way we see ourselves. God sees us as priceless treasures! He values each and every one of us so much



that he sent His only son into this world to die for our sins.....our sins! So if MasterCard would make a commercial from today's KOZ it would look something like this:

Upland Game Bird.....\$35.00

Trophy Buck Hunt.....\$10,000.00

Our value in the eyes of the creator of the universe.....PRICELESS

Never forget that in God's eyes you are a priceless trophy! WW

Drive home a point...

- Do you ever feel like something without value?
- You need to remember that you are handcrafted by the God of the universe.
- God values you so much that He allowed His son to die for you!
- God sees us your our potential not our past.
- God takes care of the birds without them having to plant gardens or store food in barns
- God values you even more than the birds
- God meets your every need.



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.

EACH MONTH: Teach the boys: "BE STRONG" - Jeremiah 29:11, For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. He (Jesus) cares about you, you matter, your KOZ leaders care about you.

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 –

WORK ON DOG TAGS Ask boys if they are working toward KOZ TAGS. Greenhorn, Coyote, LIT, HTL. This is a good time to teach this material. Print their cards and have them ready.

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.