



## 2018 Kids Outdoor Zone Curriculum copyright

### January 2018: Outdoor Work

**Outdoor Work.** There is a lot of work done every year to make the outdoors usable and accessible by man. Most of this work is done by volunteers and professional outdoorsmen.

**Scripture: Genesis 39:2-4** The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** Joseph was an Old Testament character that overcame a very hard life as a young boy (like some of you KOZ boys today). His brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery. He was separated from his family as a young boy and lived far away in Egypt. It was very hard to be alone and separated from his father and mother and brothers. But Joseph landed on his feet because God was with Joseph. Joseph overcame his hardship and worked really hard and got promoted to Prime Minister of Egypt...all because the "Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did." Joseph was dangerous for good.

### February 2018: Outdoor Man-Gear

**Outdoor Gear:** Wow, so much gear, so little time. Everything from a pocket knife or a skinning knife, a compass to a backpack, so much stuff. Outdoorsmen need good gear, the right gear to be successful in the outdoors. What are some of the most important tools you should have if you venture outdoors? What about tools a guy may use during the year, a mower, chain saw or snowplow.

This can be an inside job. Preparation for the coming year. Gun cleaning, knife sharpening, bow maintenance. Take all batteries out of tools when in storage. Teach how to dismantle a firearm. Check ropes, carabiners, straps, remove old fishing line, oil reels, fix eyelets and tips on rods. Sew tears in gear (no really, teach them how to thread a needle and sew something together).

**This Month's Scripture: Ezekiel 12:1-2,** Again a message came to me from the Lord: "Son of man, you live among rebels who have eyes but refuse to see. They have ears but refuse to hear. For they are a rebellious people. "So now, son of man, pretend you are being sent into exile. Pack the few items an exile could carry, and leave your home to go somewhere else. Do this



right in front of the people so they can see you. For perhaps they will pay attention to this, even though they are such rebels.

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet which was a lot like a preacher. It was his job to tell God's people what God wanted to tell them. Sometimes God's message is not what they wanted to hear. Ezekiel's message was we are gonna have to pack our bags and move away from our homes and into a strange land. This was a really hard message to deliver by Ezekiel to God's people who did not want to move. But Ezekiel was a man "Dangerous for Good" and did what God wanted him to do. He was brave and overcame his fear and did what God wanted him to do.

## **March 2018: Survival**

**Survival.** Every year people are hurt and even die in the outdoors. It is super important to know what to do when you are hurt in the outdoors.

**This Month's Scripture: Genesis 6:6-9,** So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. And the Lord said, "I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them." But Noah found favor with the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** The greatest survival story of all time is the story of Noah and his family. A long time ago the world became so bad that it broke God's heart and He was sorry He made man and woman. God decided to destroy the earth with a flood. Every man, woman and child would be destroyed except for Noah and his family. Why was Noah the only man God chose to survive the flood? The answer is Noah was a man that loved God and his family with great passion. He was a righteous man meaning he lived rightly...He was a good man who took his relationship with God very seriously and always tried to do the right thing. To be Dangerous for Good you are to be like Noah and choose to do the right thing.



## April 2018: Camping and Outdoor Cooking

**Camping and Outdoor Cooking:** This is one of the best lessons you can share with your boys. It is also one they can do with their mom, family, friends. Low cost, high adventure, fun and more are all part of a camping trip. How many of the boys have spent the night outdoors?

**This Month's Scripture: John 21:3-12**, Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied. Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them, fish cooking over a charcoal fire and some bread.

"Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn. "Now come and have some breakfast," Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** This is the story of Peter's encounter with Jesus after he had denied Him 3 times. Jesus had died on the cross and Peter had gone back to fishing. He thought his days of being a preacher were over, so he went back to doing what he was doing before he met Jesus...being a fisherman. (KOZ boys are fishermen like Peter). Peter wondered if Jesus would be mad at him or disappointed in him for denying him.

Jesus came looking for Peter and found him at the lake doing what he loved to do...fishing. So what did Jesus do? He went and camped out on the bank while Peter was fishing all night. And when the sun was coming up he started a fire and cooked some breakfast for Peter. Peter caught no fish all night but Jesus gave him a fishing tip that landed a whole boat load of fish. Peter realized it was Jesus on the bank...and dove in the water and swam to shore. What he found was Jesus who loved him, forgave him and made breakfast for him.



## ***June: Hiking/Trails/Backpacking***

**Leader's first questions/discussion. Outdoor Training.** Hiking, Trails and Backpacking.

Travelling the trail across a mountain, across a country, in a park can be an outdoor adventure a boy can do his whole life. There is a lot of planning and being ready for storms, wildlife, weary body and hurting muscles that come with climbing a mountain or backpacking for days, weeks, months.

**Scripture for this month: This Month's Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4,** The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed...

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** When Abraham was 75 years old God asked him to walk away from his home, his father's household and his friends and neighbors. God asked him to abandon the comforts of his home and travel without a map to the land God would show him. In other words, God asked Abraham to take a hike with Him to a place he did not know. Once we are convinced of the direction God is leading we face the real test...will we follow His direction? To be dangerous for good you must follow wherever God leads.

## ***July: Everything Firearms***

**Shooting Sports.** Shooting is one of the most popular sports for outdoorsmen. Owning a gun is protected by the second amendment in America but wherever you live, being trained and skilled with a gun is very important.

**This Month's Scripture: Hebrews 4:12** For the Word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** This month's study is not on a person but on a book. Not just any old book but the Bible. The Bible is God's Word to His people. It is His love letter to us. It is the number one-way God speaks to us. It is "alive and powerful and sharper than a two edged sword" In Bible days the sword was the weapon of choice in warfare. Today it is the gun which we will learn more about. In the spiritual world the Bible is our weapon of choice...it is our sword. Read it, Study it, Memorize it, Quote it, Love It. To be dangerous for



good means you love and live the Bible. Even the strongest, bravest, smartest, best snipers and hunters can love the Bible, and do!

*REMEMBER: AUGUST IS BAPTISM MONTH: You may have some boys who may decide to be baptized. This can be an amazing and transformational time for them and your group. Read the KOZ Baptism Tips for help in planning this time. We encourage you to make this offer to your boys. Explain what baptism is in August and why.*

### **August: Wet and Wild Water / Baptism**

**Water** is the most critical element of outdoors you need to understand. Life does not exist without water. Water can be deadly, fun, refreshing, life giving.

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**This Month's Scripture: Matthew 3:13-16,** Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** John the Baptist was not a Baptist, he was a baptizer. This means he baptized people who decided to follow Jesus. All people who follow Jesus need to get baptized. Today's Scripture tells the story of John baptizing Jesus. Why did Jesus get baptized? It was because Jesus wanted to be an example for all of us to follow. Jesus never asks us to do anything He was not willing to do Himself. When we decide to follow Jesus we do whatever He asks us to do. John the Baptist was example of a guy who loved Jesus with all of his heart and was willing to do whatever Jesus asked him to do. To be Dangerous for Good we must obey Jesus in everything including baptism.

Water month can be a month where fun rules! There are stacks of things you can do to get the boys to understand the importance of water and outdoor adventure that includes lakes, rivers, oceans and more. Don't forget that this month we also teach on the real meaning of baptism and offer it to them if they are ready. It is a truly blessed month for KOZ boys.



## **September: *Birds & Wing Shooting***

**Birds of the Field.** Hunting game birds and wing shooting (as well as shooting clays) are awesome ways to experience the outdoors and grow in outdoor skills. Generations have hunted quail, dove, turkey, and grouse. These game animals have now become central to the hunting experience.

**This Month's Scripture: Luke 12:22-24,** Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can’t accomplish a little thing like that, what’s the use of worrying over bigger things?”

God is a provider. Jesus tells His followers not to worry about anything because He loves them more than anything. He used birds to teach them a very important lesson. Watch the birds and see how I take care of them. Birds always have food and water and shelter and no worries. Jesus reminds His followers He loves us way more than birds so He will provide for us, so stop worrying. To be dangerous for good we need to stop worrying and start trusting God

The opportunity to learn the fun of skeet and bird hunting will be so good. Not only is this a great outdoor sporting event but the hand and eye coordination helps so many boys. Enjoy this month with your KOZ boys and HTLs.

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## **October: *Bow Madness – Archery & Axe***

**Archery.** Depending on how long you have been doing KOZ you will want to work your way into a day that does not bore the boys. New KOZ groups should follow the basic teaching principals of the bow. Others will move to more advanced elements.



**Axe Class:** Throwing axes are an amazing addition to archery day. A couple things to know. Get good axes. A KOZ favored one is the SOG 15oz. The bigger axe is much better. They can be found on Amazon for about \$25 each.

Best targets are the ends of cut logs. Some use plywood and other targets but by far the best is log ends stacked.

**Cross Bows:** A whole other class of shooting, this can be fun. Go to a local archery shop and have them walk you through the process of using a crossbow.

**FIELD NOTES:** Instruct on each tool as a group. Break the boys into teams and make a competition out of the shooting. Not every team will be successful but some will. Be encouraging and know that there are lessons in the things we can't do as well as others.

**This Month's Scripture: Ephesians 6:10,11,16** A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** This month we study the Apostle Paul. He was the greatest leader in the New Testament second only to Jesus. He was God's chosen servant to take the Gospel beyond Jerusalem to the world. He was a brave and courageous man of God that faced all kinds of adversity. He was beaten, stoned with rocks, put in prison and eventually had his head cut off all because of his love for Jesus. His greatest enemy was the devil. Paul challenges each of us today to be "strong" and courageous and stand against the devil. He warns us that satan will shoot "fiery arrows" at our hearts. Following Jesus is like warfare. We must put up our shield to stop the fiery arrows of satan. To be Dangerous for Good means I am a warrior for Jesus against satan our enemy.

## **November: *Deer Hunting***

**Deer.** The different species of deer are the most sought after big game in all of North America. There are many species of deer including Whitetail, Blacktail, Mule deer, Moose, Elk, and Pronghorn. Of these, the white tail is the most common found and hunted in America.

**This Month's Scripture: Psalm 18:33-34,** He makes me as surefooted as a deer, enabling me to stand on mountain heights. He trains my hands for battle; he strengthens my arm to draw a bronze bow.



**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** David as a young boy (like the age of many of you KOZ boys) was a shepherd. He watched over and cared for sheep out in a field. He once killed a lion and a bear to protect his sheep. He was confronted by a giant named Goliath and used a slingshot to slay the giant. David became the King of Israel and led the army to many victories. To be a great soldier one must train for battle. David asks God to make him as "surefooted as a deer" so he could stand on mountaintops. To be Dangerous for Good means I train my body for battle.

## **December: *Giving Back***

**Giving.** So often we think about our needs but what if all we ever thought about was what other people needed. For some people just some food and water would be a huge gift. For some kids just a ball or a piece of used clothing, an old t-shirt is a huge gift. Giving back is so important to our hearts.

**This Month's Scripture: Luke 10:30-37,** Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

**Leader's first questions/discussion, Bible training:** Jesus told a story about a Jewish man who was walking alone on a road when he was robbed and beaten and left for dead. He needed help but most people were just too busy or did not want to get involved. The least likely person to help the man was the Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans did not like each other and would not even talk to each other. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and your neighbor. To be Dangerous for Good we must care about others and help them.

Every month the boys are given these amazing adventures. You men pour into them. This is the month they learn how it feels, what it means to give back. To step into the side of giving. This is





a time you can really focus on what it feels like to give and create a place in their hearts they will never forget.