



**KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training ©  
February 2014: Gear Head**

**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:** Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Lord lead us today in all areas. Prepare our hearts Holy Spirit, prepare the hearts of the kids we will mentor today.

**8:30 Kids begin to arrive.**

- Meet parents or guardian (make sure your releases are in place).

**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 & HEART TRAINING**

**The Outdoor Topic: Caring for your gear!**

Hunting season is over, have I cleaned up my guns? I am going climbing, are my ropes good? I have been camping and have not dried out my tent. Do my fishing rods need repair or line replaced? Maintaining good gear is imperative to successful and safe outdoor adventure.

**Leaders first questions/discussion, outdoors training:**

- Have you ever needed your flashlight and it would not turn on. Did you remember then that you needed batteries?
- Have you had a mouse make a house in your sleeping bag or tent while it was stored in the garage?
- Have you ever seen a bow blow-up from the string breaking?
- Did you ever lose a big fish because it broke the line? Was it old line?
- ~Leaders can tell stories at this point about failures to maintain gear.



### Scripture training:

There are different places in the bible that teach you different things. If you understand the bible you will know where to go to find the answers to just about everything you can imagine.

**Scripture: Philippians 2:14-15**, Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

### Leaders first questions/discussion, bible training:

- Have you ever been to church or Sunday school and heard something then that same day you saw or heard something that was exactly what they talked about at church?
- Have you ever made the decision not to do something, go with some friends, sneak around, do something against the law and then find out those who did go got in serious trouble?
- Are you grumpy when you are asked to clean your room or take out the trash? If yes, why is that?
- When you do exactly what you are told does it usually turn out better?
- Do you have friends who are constantly getting in trouble or fighting with their parents or teachers? Why is that do you think?

**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

Your gear is super important. If your don't take care of your guns or fishing reels they won't do what you need them too when you need them to work!

### Things to do this month:

- Go to visit a gunsmith.
- Clean a selection of gear - reels, guns, four wheelers or even trucks.
- Go to a local tackle or fishing shop that repairs reels.
- Assimilate a emergency repair kit for each kid. (a small section of duck tape, small zip ties, needle and thread (sewing kit), a good multi-tool, small sealed bag with Super Glue, a small piece of heavy duty no-rip nylon etc.
- Put a group of things out on a table like broken fishing rod or tent pole, a torn backpack strap or a boot with a separated sole. Then set out a group of random items that they can use to try and use to "fix" things.



- These are boys so teaching them to change the oil in a truck, chain saw or even change a tire is invaluable lessons for them.
- Sharpen knives, build knife or gun cases.
- Build or repair deer blinds.

**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. So many "repair" or maintenance skills are available. The best lesson to learn is "preventive" maintenance. Outdoor skills include tools and machinery.

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

- The internet always has resources but be careful on this topic, there are some bad sites with poor information. I highly recommend any of the Boy Scout sites.
- Fishing reel repairs. <http://www.bassmaster.com/tips/10-tips-proper-reel-care>
- Gun Care Tips. <http://www.shooters-choice.com/gun-care-tips>
- Knife maintenance tips. <http://www.gerbergear.com/Meet-Gerber/Support/Maintenance-Tips>

#### **Got other plans for this month?**

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

- What are some of the tools you used today?
- Comment on each kid and something they *did well*.
- Give them handouts or gifts, tools, printouts on "how too" things you did today.



## Scripture Training and Heart Takeaway

**Scripture: Philippians 2:14-15**, Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

**KOZ:** It is so much easier to just put things away, to the side, try and ignore them. Do you need to say you're sorry, do you have hidden sin, is there something you really need help with? Have you cleaned up your life lately? Do you hear Jesus talking to you about something? Can you be a light in the lives of your family or friends? "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 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.)

- *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 - Ask boys if they are working toward KOZ TAGS. Greenhorn, COYOTE, LIT, HTL. This is a good time to teach this material.**

### 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.**

**Give the boys the KOZ Prayer on a card.**

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