



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© August: *Water, water everywhere*

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

On a hot summer day a swimming pool full of cool water can be a huge relief. A dip in the lake, river or the ocean can be just as refreshing. When you don't feel good a shower can help you feel better. Water is also absolutely necessary for life. Animals need it, fish need it, people, plants, everything. When we have a drought it can be a major disaster. You would not want to jump into a water hole full of trash or chemicals. What if there were dead fish everywhere. Yuk. Water is important in so many ways.

- Where is your favorite place to swim?
- Have you ever had an emergency near the water?
- Have you ever been out on the ocean?
- What plants don't need much water (cactus)
- Have you ever drank from a well?
- What is your favorite thing to do when it comes to water? (swim, drink it, take showers)



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

Water is important in the bible. God put it on the earth, He had it gushing from rocks, washing away armies, floating big boats and creating amazing arches in the sky full of color.

- Does water calm you down?
- What day did God cover the earth with water.
- Do you trust in the bible and how God created the earth?



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:

- Clean up along a river or creek, lake or pond.
- Plan a community clean up.
- Plan a swimming outing at a pool.
- Go fishing.
- Go rafting, kayaking or canoeing.
- Meet with local Game Wardens on river/lake/water safety.
- Build your own water park fun zone.
- Work with a local biologist on a water plant project.
- Build a pond at your KOZ site, church or home.

**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.



EPA Stream Clean Up

<http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/swbmp/Stream-Cleanup-and-Monitoring.cfm>

American River Clean Up

<http://www.americanrivers.org/take-action/cleanup/>

Make a Small Wooden Boat

http://www.ehow.com/how_4779284_make-wooden-toy-boat.html

Boy Scout Project Ideas

www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/Resources/ConservationGoodTurn.aspx

Your state Parks and Wildlife Department

Swimming and enjoying the water on a hot August day can be fun. To make sure we stay true to our heritage of conservation and land care we should also do something to give back. The fish need it, the animals need it, we need it and generations from now they will need it.

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 your KOZ day?
- Do you like to swim?
- Can fresh water fish live in the ocean and can saltwater fish from the ocean live in a lake or river?
- What are some plants that live in or near water? (cattails, cypress trees and others)
- How important is it to keep out rivers, lakes and oceans clean? What happens if we don't?
- Do you take water for granted? (people in some countries walk miles each day just for water)
- How long can you go without a bath or shower?
- What are some animals you saw living in the water today? (frog, tadpole, salamander, fish...)
- Do you think you might want a boat one day?
- Who's responsibility is it to make sure water is clean for the next generation of kids>

SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

KOZ: When Jesus began his ministry he went down to the river to see one of His best friends, John. John was telling everyone that Jesus was coming and he began baptizing them. Back then baptizing was considered a cleansing. John, known as John the Baptist, baptized Jesus right when He started His ministry work. It was important for Jesus.

Baptism today is a sign we use to let people know we have prayed for Christ in our hearts and want to live a life with Him. Have you been baptized? Would you like to be? Water, simply amazing, totally God.

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 LEAERS 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!