



## KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© December Gifting

**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

Christmas time is when everyone thinks about helping others. If you have been spending time at KOZ then you have learned some powerful things. You have heard about how much God loves us, how often he forgives us. You have done some really cool things too. There are so many people who never to do the things you get to do at KOZ. We always want to remember that it is important to treat others the way we want to be treated. Take this time this week, this month and do something big for someone else. Give back for God, give back for KOZ, give back for you.

- What was the coolest thing you have done at KOZ so far?
- What are some cool outdoor things you would like for Christmas?
- If you had a dream outdoor adventure what would it be?
- If you could take one person on a cool outdoor adventure who would it be and what would you do?
- Why do we like to help others in KOZ?



## LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

### Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

**This Month's Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7**, Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each on do just as he is purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

Have you given too or helped somebody before and it made you feel good? Have you ever helped someone and they did not say thank you and it made you mad? Why do we help other people, give money to help people?

- God loves to see us helping others and we should look for ways to do that.
- When we help or give gifts to others we should do it for the right reasons and be happy to do it.
- It is not always easy to do things for other people. It can get in the way of what we want, but the gifts are some much better when we do it anyway.



**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:

- Plan an outdoor clean up of someone's yard or the church that hosts your KOZ group.
- Make nice cards and gift packages for kids in the hospital or the doctors.
- Send gifts to soldiers, police or firemen.
- Have an outdoor cool movie night for you KOZ parents and plan everything - make it special just for them.
- Raise money and donate it to a kids program you all agree on.
- Collect sox, blankets or sleeping bags for the homeless or those who need it.
- Collect blankets for a dog shelter.
- Do something nice for your local Game Wardens.

*\*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.



Martha Stewart Christmas Gifts Kids Can Make (yes, really)  
<http://www.marthastewart.com/276932/christmas-gifts-kids-can-make-for-parent/@center/307035/santas-workshop#314838>

There are so many ways for your KOZ group to get involved this year. There are gift wrapping events and food drives, toy drives and church projects.

The purpose is to talk with them about giving. Teach them that giving is not about the amount, it is the heart.

**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 did you like best about your KOZ day today?
- How did it feel to give back this KOZ?
- What are some other ways you can give during the rest of the year?
- What is something our KOZ group can do to help others?
- What is something you can do at home as a giver? (without expectation)



## SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

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**KOZ:** When do you give back? It is so important to be a giver and not just a taker. If you ever give with a happy heart you will feel something special inside. That is a giving heart. Sometime it seems crazy to give away our money or things we own, things we want. But God talks about it and He wants to see us be joyful givers.

Take time this month and look for ways to give back, look for ways to help others. If you ask God to tell you who and what, He will. The ability to think about others and not us is a huge step in your walk with Jesus. Go for it, give it away or help others. It matters.

**REMINDE 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!**