



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© February: *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.

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

One of the coolest things about outdoor adventure, hunting, fishing etc. is the gear. So many cool things you can use. Suppressors for guns and mechanical broad-heads for your arrows. Fishing tackle of every shape and size. Mountain gear, ropes, clips, tents and backpacks are all incredibly cool.

- If you could have one piece of incredibly cool gear what would it be?
- Is solar power better than batteries?
- Why is a sharp knife important?
- Have you seen the new bass boats with a 250 horse engine? Why so powerful?
- Do you need four wheel drive on your truck and if so why?
- Did you know there is a laser guided deer rifle now? (Tracking-point)
- New bows and arrows are lighter now, are they as strong? Arrows sharper, are they still good?
- If you could have a gift card for one store, which one would it be? (report info to KOZ National)



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: Scripture: Matthew 6:21, for where your treasure is there will be your heart also..

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

So there is so much gear out there that we want, maybe need. How much is too much? So in this verse they talk about treasure, what do they mean?

- Have you ever bought something then later wished you did not?
- Do you have something right now you want really bad? Did you ask your parents for it?
- What treasures do you have saved up? Is giving back a way to "store up?" Do you like to give?



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:

- This might be an easy month. Try visiting a local large retailer and divide the boys. Have each group go into each department separately and select the coolest set up, with gear accessories. Mark the prices down so the overall cost of their gear can be calculate (approx. is OK).
- Bring in personal gear like red dot scope or other new gear for "show and tell."
- Teach the boys to sharpen knives, clean firearms, repair fishing gear.
- Have the boys build a fishing lure that they can take home.
- Make paracord bracelets.
- Build a cool element to your KOZ Zone like a Zip Line or Spartan Race Course.
- Make knife or sword
- Make a homemade flashlight - www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Homemade-Flashlight
- Go four wheeling or on a bass boat

**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.



Homemade Flashlight
www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Homemade-Flashlight

There are many video's online for survival bracelet making, gin cleaning, knife making that we did not list them all here.

*No matter what you do, safety first.

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.*

Talk about the activity you had today. The objective is to make sure they have an outdoor skill take-away from the day. It can be a craft, an experience or a lesson.

- What is the coolest piece of gear you learned about today?
- Why is cleaning your gear important?
- What do you use to sharpen a knife?



SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: Matthew 6:21, for where your treasure is there will be your heart also..

KOZ: Gear is so cool. Every flashlight, gun, knife. Can you ever have too many of any of those things? The problem with gear and a lot of things is that there are just that, things. Eventually you will get bored with them. They will get lost, rust or become the older model. How many video games have you had that the next year were the "old one"? What about a cell phone? The only thing that you can really count on to get better and help you pick things that have real value is Jesus. If you know Him, if you spend time learning about Him and invite Him to be a part of your life you will find things that never get old, never rust and never bore you.

Friends, family, church are things you can really enjoy if you try. Reading your bible, listening to Christian music and making it point to try to do those things are where life's real value is. When you die you won't be able to take one of those "things" with you. (Timothy 6:7, For we have brought nothing into this world, so we cannot take anything out of it either) But people will remember you and what you found important. They will say he "was a good friend" or "he always just wanted to play video games". When you have the right heart gear, your life adventure will be epic!

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 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!