



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© January: It's all about the gun!

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

Big bang, little bang, laser sites, suppressors, single shot or rapid fire, guns are amazing. There are few things that we enjoy more than a good gun and the way it feels, the way it shoots. New guns and gun gear, laser guided, long range, faster and faster automatics. Even guns designed in the early 1900's and before are still top of the line. When it comes to KOZ, shooting fun, hunting and personal protection, guns are a favorite.

- When were guns invented? 1364 - First recorded use of a firearm. 1380 - Hand guns are known across Europe. 1400s - The matchlock gun appears.
- How many guns should a person own? (fun question)
- What are some things guns are used for?
- What kinds of guns do most people use for hunting?
- What kinds of guns do most people use for personal protection.
- If you could have one gun of your choice, what would it be?



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: James 1:19, This you know my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

What do you usually do when you get upset? Yell, be quiet, get mad, leave, talk back to your parents or teachers. There are so many time we get upset and do the wrong thing, we react wrong. God tells us how we should react in this verse from the book of James.

- Are you a good listener? Do you pay attention?
- Do you talk a lot. Do you do it when others are talking?
- Have you ever said something when you were mad and then wanted to take it back but it was too late.

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:

- Go and shoot every gun or bullet you can get.
- Teach a gun safety class or hunters ED.
- Invite trainers in with NRA, local groups.
- Contact 4H shooting sports in your area.
- Have a shooting competition.
- Use NRA shooting sports award training.
- Visit a local gunsmith. Go to a local gun shop and have them explain different firearms.
- Make some ammunition and then fire it.
- Dismantle a rifle then have a completion to reassemble it.
- Set up a skeet shoot or sporting clays shoot.
- Use BB guns and set up a shooting course with awards and prizes for all types of shooting, best shot, fastest shooter, best safety etc.

**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.



NRA / Winchester Marksmanship Materials
<http://mqp.nra.org/>

National Shooting Sports Foundation
<http://www.nssf.org/>

Your state Parks and Wildlife Department

Shooting sports are one of the most exciting things you will do in your KOZ group each year. There is so much material, so many willing to help it should be an easy but informative and adrenaline filled day. Safety is always first, always go over safety rules before shooting. Even on a BB gun course they need to learn and always expect the highest regard of seriousness when shooting.

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?
- Tell us some safety requirements you learned about today.
- What are some of the gun types you learned about today?
- What did you learn about bullets and ammunition?
- How many guns can you name you learned about today.
- If you could have just one gun of your choice what kind, which one would it be?
- What are some tips on aiming well and being a good shot? (slow your breathing, relax, take your time, squeeze the trigger slowly.)

SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: James 1:19, This you know my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

KOZ: Shooting guns can be really fun. But they are really loud, they can kick on your shoulder and hurt sometimes. The scope can be way off and you will miss or you just have not figured out how to aim a shotgun so you have a hard time hitting your targets.

When things are not going our way it is easy to get frustrated, angry, mad. We can blame everyone but ourselves, everything is wrong but me. God tells us not to get mad. He tells us to listen, be slow in talking back. It can be really hard sometimes to hold ourselves back from being mad or mean but when we do, it is always better. We feel better, things turn out better and God smiles at us.

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!