



## KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© March: Green scales, sharp teeth and poisonous fins

**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

Did you know that the fins on a catfish are dangerous. They can stick into your hand or foot and you will have to go to the emergency room and get them cut out. Did you know that if a bass was as big as a car it would be more dangerous than a great white shark. Fishing is one of the best outdoor days you can ever have. There are so many different kinds of fishing. Ice, lake, stream, river, ocean and more. But in each of them there are a few things that are exactly the same.

- Do you like fishing?
- What is the biggest fish you have caught or seen caught.
- Where have you gone fishing?
- Do you like to eat fish?
- What is the best bait for fishing?
- If you could go fishing anywhere in the world where would you go and with who?
- What is the best fishing story you have heard (Leaders may mention Old Man and the Sea or similar)



## LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

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

**This Month's Scripture: Mark 1: 16-17,** And as He was going along the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon, Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea: for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."

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

Fishing is the number one outdoor sport. People love it. Jesus only really picked 12 guys to be with Him and mentor while He was teaching about His father God. He spent almost every day with these guys. Camping at night (no hotels), walking, talking. Do you think they ever talked about fishing?

- Do you think Jesus thought Simon and Andrew were super smart (because they were fishermen) and that is why he picked them?
- Why would he pick fishermen?
- Do you know what Jesus meant by "fishers of men?"
- Was Jesus a fisherman? (carpenter, but a fisher of men, yes)

**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 is a great time to take the boys fishing. Does not matter where, just fishing. Perch, bass other fish are fine. It's not the size it is the catching that they would be interested in.
- Make fishing poles or lures if you can get the materials or if the weather is poor.
- Invite a professional guide or fisherman to come speak,
- Have a casting contest.
- Teach knot tying - have a competition for strongest, fastest, worst.
- Clean, cook and eat fish you catch or acquire prior to Saturday.
- Go to a rod manufacturer or lure maker's shop or a taxidermist to see how fish are mounted.
- Go to a retailer and walk the fishing aisle teaching on each item.
- Go to a local aquarium and tour the tanks.

*\*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.



Bottle cap lures (avoid beer caps)  
[www.anglinggazette.co.uk/diy-bait-home-made-bottle-cap-lures/](http://www.anglinggazette.co.uk/diy-bait-home-made-bottle-cap-lures/)

Wooden Fishing Lure  
[makestuffwithyourkid.com/2011/07/25/lets-make-a-wooden-fishing-lure/](http://makestuffwithyourkid.com/2011/07/25/lets-make-a-wooden-fishing-lure/)

Your state Parks and Wildlife Department

There are lots of free materials from state and federal agencies about fishing. Try contacting them in advance or go by their headquarters to get free brochures, training materials and event tips on places kids can go fishing (catching).

**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 the best thing you learned about fishing today?
- If you had to choose one bait now - what would it be?
- What are some of the rule for fishing in your area?
- Name some types of fish near you.
- Do you have to have a fishing licenses to fish in your state?



## SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

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**KOZ:** Jesus was not looking for the fancy priests or rich guys for His team. He picked regular guys, fishermen. Does that make sense? Why wouldn't He not go to the college or the government? He actually did start teach some of them, but He wanted you and me to know that even us, we can be and are really important to Him. We can do incredible things for Jesus. These fishermen wrote a lot of the bible. They started most of the churches in the world way back then. Now look at what they did and how it has effected you, me, the whole world. God wants you to know you are valuable, important and you can do great things, if you ask Him into your heart and follow Him. Wow.

**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 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!**