



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© January: All things deer, that's all.

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

Deer season is one of the best times of the year for hunters. The weather is cool or cold. The deer are moving around. Many people use deer hunting to put meat in the freezer so they have it all year long. Archery, rifle and cross bow are the tools we use. There is a lot that goes into getting ready to hunt deer, then the minute after you harvest a deer the work gets even harder. Getting the deer to a place where you can clean it, get it ready for the butcher or freezer. But the time with friends, the time in the woods and when you sit down to that nice deer meat dinner. Those are always memories you will never forget.

- Have you ever been deer hunting?
- Why do we hunt deer? (we do not hunt Bambi and do not refer to deer by cartoon names)
- Have you ever had deer meat - if so what was your favorite?
- What are some of the ways you can hunt deer?
- Can you hunt deer in the summer?
- How big do deer get?



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: Colossians 4:2, Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

Have you ever prayed really hard for something? There is always something to pray about isn't there. Somebody is sick, something at school, a friend, family. Prayer is important because God wants us to talk to Him, he misses us when we don't!

- What was something you prayed for recently?
- Do you think God answers every prayer? Can no answer be an answer.
- Is it hard to thank God for things? Good things, bad things, things we don't understand. (yes it is)



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:

- Hand out hunters handbooks from your state. Go over the rules and regulations on deer hunting, the types of deer (doe, buck, spike) etc.
- Go to a local meat processor and look at harvested deer.
- Bring in a fresh harvest and process it from skinning to an open flame.
- Invite the local game warden to come tell stories and answer questions.
- Hike in the woods looking for deer sign.
- Make some craft items from deer antlers.
- Set up archery, bb gun and other shooting competitions.
- Learn about a rifle. Teach them how to sharpen a knife.
- Teach them what to put in a hunting backpack.

**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.



Deer & Deer Hunting

www.deeranddeerhunting.com/articles/how-to-teach-kids-hunting

Quality Deer Management

<http://www.qdma.com/>

Long Range Hunters - (Some good materials for stories)

www.longrangehunting.com/articles/equipment-planning-backpack-hunting-1.php

Your state Parks and Wildlife Department

Deer hunting is an amazing adventure and you can create stories that will stay with you for life. Time hunting is usually a small part of deer hunting. Lots of it is getting ready, practice shooting and more practice. The time at camp with your buddies is crucial as well. There is few things that help us like the outdoors. If you get to go deer hunting, be grateful, God is always real close there.

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.

- How was your KOZ day today? What was your favorite part?
- What are the rules for hunting deer here?
- What is a doe, spike, buck?
- Where do you usually aim to kill a deer quickly?
- What are some of the tool you can use to harvest a deer? (bow, rifle, muzzle loader, cross bow, and more)
- Do you have to have a licenses to hunt deer?
- What is hunters safety course?
- If you could go deer hunting would you?

SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: Colossians 4:2, Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.

KOZ: When you're in the woods, hiking up a mountain or fishing. There is a lot of time to be alone or quiet. Those are great times to talk with Jesus. There is nothing fancy about talking to Him, just talk to Him like you would an adult, a mentor, a parent. You have to keep alert to watch for movement in the woods or you bait from getting taken off your hook.

God wants us to stay alert and think about Him. It is also important while you are sitting there, in your sit spot of deer blind, on the boat or even in the car or at school, be thankful. There are so many other things that we could be dealing with, worries about home, school friends. But for that time in the woods, on the lake, give Jesus a shout out. Tell him thanks for the woods, the lake, the deer, the fish and the blessing just to be able to be there.

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!