



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© September: Bird of the Fall - Winging It

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

Is it not amazing that ducks will fly all the way from Canada to Mexico and further south? Even humming birds and others migrate from north to south. These are all considered migratory birds. Now you would not want to hunt humming birds but there are the migratory "game" birds. To keep the duck, goose, dove and other game populations healthy, hunting plays a big role. Camo clothes, shot guns, duck calls and working dogs all make this time of year amazing.

- What is a "game bird?"
- Have you ever watched Duck Dynasty, what do they hunt?
- What time of year do migratory game birds migrate?
- Why do people wear camo?
- Why do you bird hunt with a shotgun?
- How does a duck call work?
- Have you ever seen a "working" dog?



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Leader's first questions/discussion: Scripture Training

This Month's Scripture: Genesis 1:20, And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."

Leader's first questions/discussion, bible training:

The first book in the bible tells the story of God creating the animals including birds. When it talks about the "swarms" of birds you can imagine that when you see the birds flying south each year.

- Have you read the story of God creating the earth and everything on in 6 days?
- God took a lot of time creating each type of bird, every color and type of feather.
- God created every bird and He created you. He knows you and everything about you.



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:

- Teach your states rules and regulations from their handbook.
- Ask a hunting dog club to come show their working dogs to your group.
- Shoot skeet or trap.
- Go hunting.
- Invite in a Ducks Unlimited staff member.
- Invite a Delta Waterfowl staff member.
- Ask a Game Warden to come talk about the rules and regulations.
- Build duck boxes or bird houses.
- Work on a habitat project

**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.

Ducks Unlimited
www.ducks.org/



Delta Water Fowl
www.deltawaterfowl.org/

Texas Dove Hunters Association
<http://www.texasdovehunters.com/>

Your state Parks and Wildlife Department

There are other great game birds that we need to mention. Pheasant, Quail, Chucker, Dove and others. These are not considered "migratory" because they don't migrate south in the cold weather. But the fall, winter and spring are great time to hunt them so enjoy the adventure of winged bird hunting and be careful, it can be easy to fall in love with!

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 today?
- What are migratory game birds? Name one.
- What do the role of dogs play in bird hunting?
- What kind of dogs are used in game bird hunting?
- What kinds of camo are there and why use it?
- What is some cool gear used for bird hunting?
- If you could go on a bird hunt, where would you go?
- Did you know that you can earn a college scholarship by shooting sporting clays and skeet?
- Do you need a special tag to hunt any of the migratory game birds? (Duck Stamp)

SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

This Month's Scripture: Genesis 1:20, And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

KOZ: What God did in those first six days was huge. He created the earth and everything on it. He specifically made night and day, water and land, animals that could fly, swim and walk. There are some people who don't believe that God could have done that. They think it was an explosion or a bug in the ocean. The very first words in the bible tell us the story and it was day four that God created our migratory game birds. He created all the animals on the fourth and fifth day. It is really important for us to trust what the bible tells us.

When you look at the fine detail of a feather. When you think about how it started out as a blob in an egg then grows on a bird, a part of a wing that lifted a bird into the air. That is pretty important and hard to think it was an accident that came from an explosion or a bug in the ocean. God creates amazing and wonderful creatures of all types. Take you for instance. You are unique and special in your very own way. God loves us each and every one and he has a purpose for us. He has a purpose just for you. You are amazing.

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!