



KOZ Monthly Outdoor Training© September: *Birds & Wing Shooting*

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

BEGINNING YOUR MEETING WITH KOZ STRUCTURE

8:45 Begin Meeting.

All together say the *American (Your Country) 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 (Your Country)-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. Outdoor Training

Birds of the Field. Hunting game birds and wing shooting (as well as shooting clays) are awesome ways to experience the outdoors and grow in outdoor skills. Generations have hunted quail, dove, turkey, and grouse. These game animals have now become central to the hunting experience.

Talk about:

- Shotguns are used to hunt game birds and shoot clays
- What are the game birds common to our area?
- Can you shoot a bird with a rifle?



LEADING INTO YOUR HEART TRAINING

Scripture for this month:

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Be intentional about your time with the boys. Ask them how they are, how their family is, how school is going – Then Listen!

Leader’s first questions/discussion, Bible training:

God is a provider. Jesus tells His followers not to worry about anything because He loves them more than anything. He used birds to teach them a very important lesson. Watch the birds and see how I take care of them. Birds always have food and water and shelter and no worries. Jesus reminds His followers He loves us way more than birds so He will provide for us, so stop worrying. To be dangerous for good we need to stop worrying and start trusting God

- What do you worry about?
- Have you told Jesus what you are worried about?
- Let’s pause and you silently tell Jesus what you are worried about (Be silent for a few moments)
- Now ask Jesus to take away your worry and replace it with trust (Be silent again)
- Now each time you see a bird, let it remind you how much Jesus loves 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:



The opportunity to learn the fun of skeet and bird hunting will be so good. Not only is this a great outdoor sporting event but the hand and eye coordination helps so many boys. Enjoy this month with your KOZ boys and HTLs.

- **KOZ PINTREST IDEA PAGE:** <https://www.pinterest.com/kidsoutdoorzone/pins/>
- Take the boys bird hunting.
- Take the boys clay shooting.
- Teach the boys the key differences in shotguns and rifles
- Teach the boys the differences in the gauges (410,20,16,12).
- Teach the boys the different action shotguns. Single shot, double barrel, pump, semiautomatic, Break down the guns and show them the differences.
- Invite a gunsmith to teach a class
- Invite a game warden and/or a biologist to talk about the laws and habitat
- Check out hunting birds in Argentina and other countries: Parakeets, pigeons, dove. Thousands a day. Crazy bird hunting to help the local farmers.

**Note always add an EXTREME element to your KOZ day. Be creative.*

FIELD NOTES: Wing shooting is a national outdoor past time. Many in the outdoor community head to the dove fields in September. Get the boys as close to this environment as you can. Trap and skeet shooting are incredible alternatives. Remember, if you are shooting, SAFETY with firearms is paramount.

If one of your guys kills some birds before your KOZ and can freeze them, they make a “great anatomy of a bird” lesson. The down feathers as well as the wings and tail are great pictures of how God prepared these creatures for the life they live.

Other places for good information and literature. Here are some sites where we have found great content of this lesson plan. The internet always has resources but be careful there are some bad sites with poor information. We do not endorse nor are we associated with any of the sites listed below. The information there may change as well.

- **KOZ PINTREST IDEA PAGE:** <https://www.pinterest.com/kidsoutdoorzone/pins/>
- <https://www.realtree.com/small-game-hunting/articles/10-tips-for-better-dove-hunting>
- <http://www.fieldandstream.com/articles/hunting/2008/11/five-ways-drop-more-doves>
- <http://www.differencebetween.com/difference-between-trap-and-vs-skeet/>



GOING OFF THE TRAIL THIS MONTH?

IMPORTANT: Use the opening/use the close, prayer/ sit spots and prayer cards.

All groups should use the foundational structure of KOZ each month. The starting, the prayer, sit spots etc. as a common element to every meeting. 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...

- What was your favorite part of KOZ today?
- What different types of shotguns are there?
- What bird hunting would you like to experience?

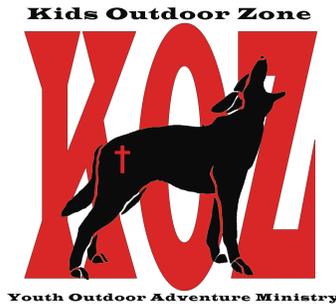
SCRIPTURE TRAINING AND HEART TAKEAWAY

EACH MONTH: Reminder to leader: Our theme for 2018 is “**Dangerous for Good**”. Remind the boys before each month’s Bible story of our theme. Each month we will look a real Bible character that will live out this theme. Challenge our boys each month to also be like these great men of God and be Dangerous for Good.

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Trail Map #1

You are living in one of the richest countries and times in all of mankind. Did you know that stress and worry



is at an all-time high? Getting more and more stuff is consuming many people today. That's nothing new, it has always worried people, just as it did back Jesus' time. As you've learned more about birds and bird hunting today, you might see how we can desire more and more expensive guns, dogs, and clothing. We can become more and more anxious about finding a good dove field or finding a better dog. There is nothing wrong with that as long as they don't cause us to be distracted and worry. If it causes us to be anxious and jealous, we can find ourselves needing Christ's instruction in Luke. To consider the way of the birds and how they don't worry and store in barns and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than a bird! That's right. God loves and cares for you! Trust God for everyday life just as He directs the birds to do. The birds of the field do have to work hard each day to gather God's provisions....as do you. But when it comes to worry, remember God loves and cares for you and will provide for you just as He provides for the birds! RM

Train Map #2

Trust. That is a big word. Trust is something easily given but difficult to get back. All of us have times in our lives where we feel someone abandoned us, let us down, lied to us. We may have those things in our lives where we treated someone that way. When we have things like this in our lives we worry. We worry that someone may find out we lied, that we are doing things we are not supposed to.

Our hearts need people to love us, trust us. Our hearts need people we can trust especially those closest to us. We are all going to be let down by humans, even our friends, parents, family. What we have to do is learn to trust our Father in Heaven. Yes, Father, God. He promises to never leave us nor forsake us. Even when we mess up, He forgives us and stands with us as we try to better the next time. That is all He wants from us, to try to do better.

Even for adults trusting God can be really hard. We get distracted with things going on in our world. We get mad again about how someone we trusted failed us, hurt us. It can really be hard. You don't do this alone. Your KOZ brothers, your KOZ leaders all love and care about you. They trust you and you can trust them.

Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life." Learn to pray. Talk to Jesus and He will walk with you, help you get back the trust, heal your heart from broken trust. Really. He loves you dearly.

Drive home a point...



- What is trust. How do you define it?
- Have you ever lost the trust of your mom, parents?
- Who do you trust the most?
- What does someone have to do to earn your trust.
- Learn a simple prayer for trusting others. Discernment on how and who to trust.

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. Have them write 2 things. One thing they learned. Then 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 month. *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 card and what they learned.*

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 –

WORK ON DOG TAGS Ask boys if they are working toward KOZ Dog Tags. This is a good time to teach this material. Print their cards and have them ready.



IMPORTANT: Ask if any of the boys are new – give them their KOZ Nation dog tag (the first one)

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!

Parents arrive. Greet them and tell them how good their boy did. – Tell the boys to invite a friend!

Hand out literature or take home materials.... A gallon plastic Zip lock bag with their name on it works great each month to collect their take home materials.

Stay, Read the Sit Spot cards. Pray over the cards. Divide them among the HTL's for the month.