

The Kids Outdoor Zone Youth Adventure Ministry



Pastoral Recommendation

Dear Pastor / Church,

The Kids Outdoor Zone is a very effective tool that ministers to boys and offers opportunities for men to participate in a program that is in many ways a non-threatening, out-of-the-box ministry for men who enjoy the outdoors.

KOZ is not another assignment to or for a church minister or staff. The program is designed to be run by **men** of a specific church (women, mothers, wives may help in some areas but not lead or participate in regular lessons). However, each church must approve of the leader team or “Harvest Team Leaders” (HTL) requesting to start a group.

The church leaders must provide a letter of recommendation for the men requesting to charter the group. The church will be asked to sign the KOZ group charter along-side the HTL. The groups are formed from inside a church. The HTL grows the group including their church body first, then the community around the church, then the community as a whole.

The leaders of the church must verify that the HTL are equally yoked with the biblical principles of KOZ and feel comfortable with them as leaders. This is not unlike when a ministry team is selected to go to India or other mission, the church looks at the program the volunteers or missionaries and makes a church wise decision based on certain criteria and effectiveness. The HTL men of KOZ are ministers to the boys and men they come in contact with and it is important that they know their pastor and staff support them.

Pastoral / Church Staff Questions

- Are these men members of your church?
- Do you believe these men are prepared and equipped spiritually to fulfill a commitment of youth mentorship and ministry?
- Do these men understand the KOZ *Statement of Faith* and does it align with your church?
- Would you recommend these men to lead this ministry at this time?
- In the future?
- Please provide a letter of recommendation with these answers to the men leaders requesting the KOZ program.

The church should provide prayer for the team.

The church can provide facilities, additional funding and other things that may be needed from time to time.

The church can provide the platform for the HTL to launch the program by allowing flyers, notices and mentions of the leaders and the program. The pastoral staff could be asked to pull the program if there are problems that might arise. This would be done by KOZ National with the understanding and support of the chartered church.