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Organizational Development & Learning

Survivor Problem Solving Activity

This activity is design to help teams problem solve, while also being able to learn more about their colleagues and their skills.



TIME

30 Minutes



MATERIALS

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DIRECTIONS

- 1. Provide the ranking chart on page 2 to each participant.
- 2. Ask each person to decide their own rankings, and record the choices in the left-hand column (10 minutes).
- 3. Get into small groups and discuss choices and work together to agree on a collaborative list. Record the group rankings in the second column (20 minutes).
- 4. Compare your individual and group answers with the correct answers and determine a score.
- 5. For each item, mark the number of points that your score differs from the small group ranking and then add up all the points.



DEBRIEF

- 1. The *lower* the total, the better your score.
- 2. As the groups work together, sharing thoughts and ideas, this *should* produce an improved score over the individual results.
- 3. Discuss with your group why the scores were different?
- 4. What changed their minds? And was this enough to survive?

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ITEM	Your Ranking	Small Group Ranking	Difference
Sextant			
A Shaving Mirror			
A quantity of mosquito netting			
A 25 liter container of water			
A case of army rations			
Maps of the Atlantic Ocean			
A floating seat cushion			
A 10 liter can of oil/petrol mixture			
A small transistor radio			
20 sq feet of opaque plastic sheeting			
A can of shark repellent			
One bottle of 160 proof rum			
15 feet of nylon rope			
2 boxes of chocolate bars			
An ocean fishing kit & pole			
Total			