

# Cascades Survival Situation™

## TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Help your teams to reach their peak performance



**U**nlock the secret of synergy—even when you're pressed for time.

### WHAT IS THE CASCADES SURVIVAL SITUATION?

The *Cascades Survival Situation* is one of our shortest survival simulations and therefore takes the least amount of time to complete. The simulation places participants at the edge of a small clearing high in the Cascades mountain range where their helicopter has just crashed.

### HOW DOES THE CASCADES SURVIVAL SITUATION WORK?

Participants are challenged to rank 12 items salvaged from the crash in order of their relative importance to their survival. Solutions to the exercise are developed first on an individual basis and then by groups. Scores are generated by comparing individual and team solutions to those provided by a team of experts coordinated by Greg Petzke, a mountain rescue and survival educator, wilderness instructor, and ski patroller. Comparisons between individual and team scores indicate whether teams were able to achieve synergy by fully using and building on the knowledge and skills of their members.

### APPLICATIONS

The *Cascades Survival Situation* can be used as an icebreaker. This simulation takes approximately 1 to 1½ hours to complete, including scoring and debriefing. It can also be used as a central activity, pre-test/post-test, or follow-up activity for programs focusing on:

- Building new teams
- Team development
- Problem solving and decision making

In addition, the *Cascades Survival Situation* can also be used as:

- An icebreaker for an extended offsite gathering
- A kick-off to a group problem-solving session
- A tool for basic survival training

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## WHO SHOULD USE THE CASCADES SURVIVAL SITUATION?

The *Cascades Survival Situation* is appropriate for all audiences.