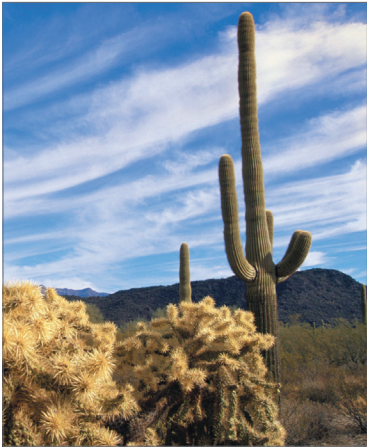


Desert II Survival Situation™

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Turn up the heat on your teams' problem-solving and decision-making skills



Unlock
the secret of
synergy by
focusing teams
on defining a
strategy.

WHAT IS THE DESERT II SURVIVAL SITUATION?

The *Desert II Survival Situation* is the only simulation in our survival series that involves multiple steps. It includes steps that illustrate how the quality of decisions are determined by problem analysis, strategy selection, and consideration of alternatives. The simulation places participants in the Sonoran Desert, where their plane has just crash landed.

HOW DOES THE DESERT II SURVIVAL SITUATION WORK?

Participants are challenged to identify the major problems that they face, select one basic strategy for survival, and prioritize 16 items based on decisions regarding their best use. Solutions to the *Desert II Survival Situation* are developed first on an individual basis and then by groups. Scores are generated by comparing individual and team answers to those provided by Alonzo W. Pond, M.A., former chief of the Desert Branch of the Arctic, Desert, Tropic Information Center of the Air Force University at Maxwell Air Force Base and author of several books on survival training.

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.

The *Desert II Survival Situation* takes approximately 2½ to 3½ hours to complete, including scoring and debriefing.

APPLICATIONS

The *Desert II Survival Situation* can be used as an icebreaker, central activity, pre-test/post-test, or follow-up activity for programs focusing on:

- Building new teams
- Team development
- Problem solving, decision making, and strategic planning

The simulation can also be used as:

- An icebreaker for an extended offsite gathering
- A kick-off to a strategic decision-making meeting
- A tool for basic survival training

WHO SHOULD EXPERIENCE THE DESERT II SURVIVAL SITUATION?

The *Desert II Survival Situation* is appropriate for all audiences.