**Survival: A Simulation Game**

You and your companions have just survived the crash of a small plane. Both the pilot and co-pilot were killed in the crash. It is mid-January, and you are in Northern Canada. The daily temperature is 25 below zero and the night time temperature is 40 below zero. There is snow on the ground and the countryside is wooded with several creeks crisscrossing the area. The nearest town is 20 miles away. You are all dressed in city clothes appropriate for a business meeting. Your group of survivors managed to salvage the following items:

A ball of steel wool

A small ax

A loaded .45 caliber pistol

Can of Crisco shortening

Newspapers (one per person)

Cigarette lighter (without fluid)

Extra shirt and pants for each survivor

20 x 20 ft. piece of heavy duty canvas

A sectional air map made of plastic

One quart of 100 proof whiskey

A compass

Family sized chocolate bars (one per person)

Individually rank the above 12 items in order of importance for your survival.

Your task as a group is to list the above 12 items in order of importance for your survival. List the uses for each. You must come to agreement as a group.

Debrief:

How were decisions made?

Who influenced the decisions and how?

How could better decisions have been made?

Did people listen to each other? If not, why not?

What roles did group members adopt?

How was conflict managed?

What kinds of behavior helped or hindered the group?

How did people feel about the decisions?

How satisfied was each person with the decision (each participant rate on a scale of 1-10 and then average)?

What have you learned about the functioning of this group?

How would you do the activity differently if you were asked to do it again?

What situations at work/home/school do you think are like this exercise?

Thinking about your group dynamics during this simulation:

What qualities make for a positive group dynamic?

How do you manage facilitation of the learning process of others? What skills do you utilize? What skills do you need to develop?

What have you learned about group communication as a result of being a facilitator? From today?