At the Ready – Patrol Activities

Survival Snapshots

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Instructions: In small groups (4 or 5 people) work on each of the survival snapshots. Get together at the end to discuss what each group came up with. Rules: No undue harm to the environment, beware of fire danger.

Tropics

Your patrol has been shipwrecked and you are the only survivors. You have landed near a tropical island and on further inspection find it is deserted. You only have the clothes on your back, no food or water. What are your survival priorities? List the plants and animals and way you can use them for your survival. What plants, animals and insects would be a danger to you?

Desert

Your plane has Crashed in the desert and thankfully you your group of friends have survived. You have very little water left and only the Clothes on your back, no food. You must survive on what ever you can find. What are your survival priorities? List the plants and animals and ways of utilising these for your survival. What plants, animals and insects would be a danger to you?

Artic

You were with an expedition team but it took you so long to reach the only transport out that you've been stranded. You have only the clothes on your back, no food or water and must now survive. What are your survival priorities? List the plants and animals and ways of utilising these for your survival. What plants, animals and insects would be a danger to you?

Rainforest

You were so engrossed in the beauty of the rainforest that you found yourself off the track and lost in its beauty. You have only the clothes on your back, no food or water and must survive. What are your survival priorities? List the plants and animals and ways of utilising these for your survival. What plants, animals and insects would be a danger to you?

WHY NOT...

- Do this as a break the ice activity at a training (5-10min on each scenario)
- Do this at a library where you could spend 30min on each scenario.
- Give props to the groups how would they best utilise them in the scenarios?
- Ask guest speakers in to talk about surviving in the different environments.
- Plan and go on an expedition in a remote environment (be ultra prepared)
- Visit a botanical gardens, zoo or museum and see some of the plants, animals and insects that may be found in the environments.