

# **Leadership Scenarios**

## **Weather related scenarios:**

1. You are leading a trip and hear thunder in the distance with occasional lightning. As the leader, what do you do?
2. You are canoeing and begin to notice that the wind is intensifying as the day continues. After you have finished lunch, you notice many white caps on the lake. What do you do?
3. Paddling conditions worsen and the light rain has intensified and is now a heavy downpour with no signs of letting up. What do you do?
4. You have encountered a heavy fog bank as you are paddling. What are your options?
5. Several rainy and windy days have put you behind schedule. You are under pressure from the group to get caught up to get back on schedule. What are your options?
6. The last day of an extended canoe trip you wake up to heavy rains and large waves with many white caps on the lake you have to paddle. The take out spot in good conditions is only 2 hours away. What are your options?

## **Medical related scenarios:**

1. You are portaging with your group and one of them falls over with a pack and twists their ankle. What happens now?
2. You as the leader while carrying a canoe fall and have injured your leg. What happens now?
3. A student is really getting stressed out over the bugs and is reacting to the bites with multiple swellings. She has now lost her bug shirt. What now?

## **Mental Health scenarios:**

1. One of your group members is getting very homesick and wants to go home. You are 8 days into a 12-day trip. What can you do?
2. A student in your group is becoming more and more withdrawn as the trip continues as is not interacting with the group anymore. What can you do?
3. A student is getting bullied by other members of his group as he is not carrying his "fair share" on the portages. What do you do about it?

4. A student is suspected of stealing food from the group food and someone just saw him do it again. What do you do?
5. A student has damaged his paddle after getting frustrated on the last portage. What do you do?
6. A student is swearing all the time and being rude to the girls in the group. What do you do?
7. A student is found to have brought alcohol on the trip and has it stashed in his personal bag. What do you do?
8. A student was observed eating food that he has brought with him on the trip and is keeping it in his personal bag in the tent. What do you do?

### **Environmental related scenarios:**

1. It is getting late in the day and the lake you are on has only one campsite and it is occupied. After checking the map, there is a portage into another lake that also has one campsite. What are your options?
2. After a series of portages, you finally clear the last portage and discover your map case was left behind at the first portage. What would you do now?
3. You get to a campsite and notice several large dead trees close to where your group has set up their tents. Safety considerations? What do you do?
4. You are getting toward the end of your 12-day trip and you haven't had rain since day 1. Several hot and sunny days has left the forest very dry. Your group notices a haze in the sky and smoke in the air but don't see a fire. Considerations? As a leader, what would you do?
5. You wake up in the morning and discover one of your canoes is missing. What do you do?
6. You are traveling down a river and one your canoes goes over. After a long swim through rapids, you are finally able to perform a rescue and get the two canoeists out of the water; no gear is lost. The next day, you are approached by another group member who tells you the two canoeists who tipped the day before are no longer feeling confident in their skills and feel they cannot continue paddling on this river. What do you do?
7. You are approaching a long class 2 set of rapids and the water is cold. After reading the rapid from the safety of shore, you decide that this is a rapid the group should portage. However, two members of your group do not agree and want to run this rapid. What do you do?

8. One of the canoes in your group tips over and one of the packs containing a tent, personal gear, and some food, sinks in the lake. What do you do?
9. You are leading a trip in a part of a park that you have not canoed before. At the end of a 1000 m portage, you realize you have taken the wrong portage and you are headed in the wrong direction. What do you do/say to your group?
10. You notice several empty chocolate bar wrappers laying outside of a tent. What do you do?
11. You are leading a group of students and notice that one student is being isolated from the group more and more as the trip continues. This student approaches you and says they are no longer enjoying the trip and want to go home. What do you do?
12. A student approaches you and tells you that someone has stolen one of their personal possessions. What do you do?
13. A bear enters your campsite while the group is cleaning up after dinner. What do you do?
14. A student has wandered off and has not been seen in over an hour. What would you do?
15. You encounter a bear cub on a portage trail. What do you do?