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In a survival situation communication between people can break down very quickly. Phone lines become rapidly jammed as people try to contact one another simultaneously. Ever tried to ring someone during New Yearâ€™s Eve? Well in a disaster this issue can become ten times worse ten times as quickly. As such you want to ensure that your family and friends know where to meet in case of such an event.

In a similar manner to escape routes you are also going to want to have separate meeting points along the way in case someone in your group is unable to access an earlier rendezvous point. The key to this sort of planning is knowing where people are likely to be and arrange for them to be as up to date with your plan of evacuation as you are. Try to involve your family in friends every step of the way. Unless they are also actively considering what to do in such a situation they will not have had the subconscious preparation to react calmly and efficiently as they will have to in order to safeguard their lives. Without direct involvement their interest will wane and they may panic and make uninformed decisions when the time comes.

Survival is a state of mind which must be nurtured constantly in order to achieve full preparedness. Everyone must have contact information with them at all times and have the means to get to the nearest rendezvous point. While surviving individually alone may be easy at first, without others to help share the load your chances of survival decrease. In such an event you want to be with people you can trust not only to help each other out but to have the strength and fortitude to carry on when the going gets tough as it almost certainly will if aid is a long time in coming. Everyone must be fit and well equipped, aware of the dangers at hand and be intimately involved with the preparations of their own go-bags and survival gear. If you know you will be together then you can adjust what each person carries according to their own strength. Your friends and family within your group must be just as motivated as you are to be prepared for disastrous events.

Camping trips can make preparation for such events fun and exciting while drills for evacuations can guarantee that everyone knows what they are doing in such an event. As with all things survival related, preparation is paramount.

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