**Nicolet Lake Incident**

**Expert Item-Ranking Sheet**

1. **Life Jackets –** The best and only certain protection against drowning and the cold
2. **Wool Sweaters –** Your best insulator; help conserve body heat and significantly extend survival time, even in cold water
3. **Rain Suits –** Worn over the sweaters; protect against wind and chill; this will increase survival time.
4. **Flare Gun with 8 Shells –** Best possible signal for rescue; may be seen by people along the lake
5. **50 Feet of Rope –** Can hold people together
6. **Matches –** If kept dry, may help provide warmth on land
7. **Six Cans of Soda –** Largely useless, but could help by providing comfort