



Shelter Lesson Plan

Remember the rule of 3 – 3 hours without shelter. Shelter from wind, rain, sun, snow etc and also from an exped and survival situation mentally shelter gives the feeling of security – “home”.

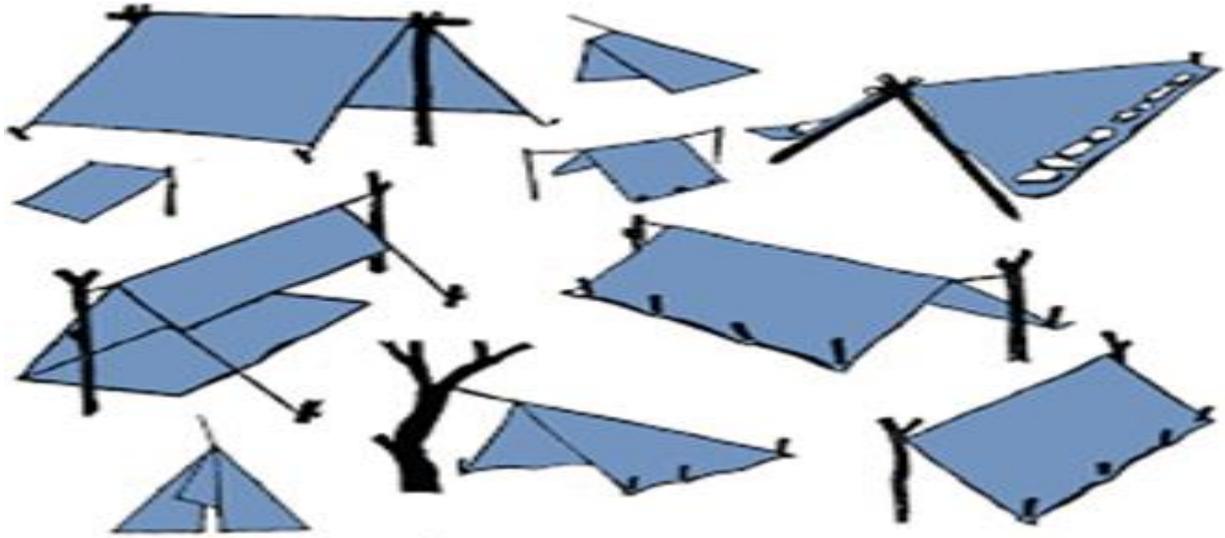
Consider different shelters for different environments (TENTS, TARPS, HAMMOCKS, BIVVY BAG ETC)

Consider: cold spots, sun, wind direction, acquisition plan, drainage, risk assessment for local threats.

Consider rescue in survival situation – location/visibility etc.

Why tarps? Most versatile piece of shelter on any expedition can be used with tent or hammock or for group shelter. Always handy addition to gear bar high altitude mountaineering. Can be used to gather firewood, food, water or even as a makeshift stretcher – one tarp in a group is always worth carrying

Why the lean to? We teach the Lean To on the basic course as the most versatile shelter for survival- it can be made with tarp, natural materials, space blanket, wool blanket, poncho, even scrap. Can be sited for maximum use of a fire for warmth and foil blanket/ fire reflector added to maximise warmth in cold weather environment.



Knots/Ridgelines: By learning useful knots such as the Marlin Spike Hitch, overhand knot, Bowline, and truckers hitch we can make a quick to deploy ridgeline for use with our tarp but still retain the cordage should we need it for other tasks and without the need to have cordage permanently attached to the tarp which would reduce its versatility.

Tent Pegs : we teach you how to make tent pegs in the wild from natural materials – the notch used is the same notch used in pot hangers and also in some of the traps we teach on the intermediate course so is a handy skill to practice.

Conclusion

Many factors to consider, location, acquisition, right shelter for right environment.

Tarp – multipurpose item ideal for exped use. Intermediate course we look at more configurations, tarps combined with space blanket and fire reflector to create effective winter shelters, natural /improvised shelters and larger group shelters,