EO M221.06 – CONSTRUCT A HOOCHIE SHELTER

1. **Performance**: Construct a Hoochie Shelter

2. **Conditions**:

   a. Given:

      (1) groundsheets;

      (2) twine;

      (3) supervision; and

      (4) assistance as required.

   b. Denied: N/A.

   c. Environmental: Field setting, during daylight hours, during a weekend bivouac FTX.

3. **Standard**: In accordance with specified references, in groups of two, the cadets shall:

   a. select a shelter site, that provides:

      (1) cover;

      (2) sufficient room; and

      (3) drainage; and

   b. construct a hoochie shelter, by:

      (1) ensuring there is room for two people to sleep and sit upright;

      (2) ensuring the lines are secure; and

      (3) ensuring it is weatherproof.

4. **Teaching Points**:

TP	Description	Method	Time	Refs
TP1	There are several factors to consider when selecting a site: a. Two trees, approximately six feet apart, will provide adequate space for a shelter. b. Cover will provide protection from the elements. c. An elevated area will allow for water drainage. d. Flat ground will provide a comfortable sleeping surface. e. A sheltered area will provide protection from the wind and direct sunlight. f. Check for dead limbs and trees overhead will reduce potential dangers and risks. **Note:** Instructors are to have a pre-selected site prepared to construct a hoochie shelter. The selected area must exemplify	Interactive Lecture	10 min	C2-004 (pp. 96–97)

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TP	Description	Method	Time	Refs
	the different factors to consider when selecting a tent site.			
TP2	Explain and demonstrate the procedure for: a. constructing a hoochie shelter, to include: 1. checking the groundsheet for holes; 2. zipping the two groundsheets together; 3. tying each end of the groundsheets to trees, ensuring they are at waist height of the tallest person; 4. ensuring the groundsheets are secured firmly between the two trees; 5. pegging each grommet with small twigs, to allow for ventilation; and 6. pulling the bottom edge of the groundsheets taut, approximately 5 cm above the ground; and b. tearing down a hoochie shelter.	Demonstration	20 min	C2-004 (pp. 96–97) C2-008 (p. 247)
TP3	Explain and demonstrate setting up personal space, to include the placement of: a. the air mattress; b. the sleeping bag; c. the rucksack; and d. boots.	Demonstration	5 min	
TP4	Have the cadets construct a hoochie shelter, in groups of two.	Performance	45 min	C2-004 (pp. 96–97) C2-008 (p. 247)

5. **Time**:

a.	Introduction / Conclusion:	10 min
b.	Interactive Lecture:	10 min
c.	Demonstration:	25 min
d.	Performance:	45 min
e.	Total:	90 min (FIELD)

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6. **Substantiation**:

   a. Interactive lecture was chosen for TP1 to present basic or background material on constructing a hoochie shelter.

   b. Demonstration was chosen for TP2 and TP3 to allow the instructor to explain and demonstrate constructing a hoochie shelter.

   c. Performance was chosen for TP4 as it provides an opportunity for the cadets to practice constructing a hoochie shelter under supervision.

7. **References**:

   a. C2-004 (ISBN 1-896713-00-9) Tawrell, P. (1996). *Camping and Wilderness Survival: The Ultimate Outdoors Book*. Green Valley, ON: Paul Tawrell.

   b. C2-008 (ISBN 0-00-265314-7) Wiseman, J. (1999). *The SAS Survival Handbook*. Hammersmith, London: HarperCollins Publishers.

8. **Training Aids**:

   a. Two groundsheets;

   b. Twine or two bungee cords;

   c. Knife;

   d. Twigs;

   e. Small branches or pegs;

   f. Air mattress;

   g. Sleeping bag;

   h. Rucksack; and

   i. Boots.

9. **Learning Aids**:

   a. Groundsheet;

   b. Twine or two bungee cords; and

   c. Small branches or pegs.

10. **Test Details**: Instructors will confirm the cadets' comprehension of the material during TP4 of this lesson. While there is no formal assessment of this EO, every cadet is required to sleep in the hoochie they construct. Cadets should be informally evaluated on their site selection and the quality of the construction of their hoochie.

11. **Remarks**:

    a. Where groundsheets are not available a suitable substitute may be used.

    b. Assistant instructors should be utilized for this lesson, to assist in the construction of the hoochie and for supervision during TP4.

    c. Instructors may use a pre-made hoochie shelter to instruct this lesson.

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