EO M324.01 – CONSTRUCT AN IMPROVISED SHELTER

1. **Performance.** Construct an Improvised Shelter.

2. **Conditions**

   a. Given:

      (1) Survival kit,

      (2) Twine,

      (3) Pocket knife,

      (4) Groundsheet,

      (5) Supervision, and

      (6) Assistance as required.

   b. Denied: N/A.

   c. Environmental: Field setting, during daylight hours, during a Weekend Bivouac FTX.

3. **Standard.** The cadet shall construct an improvised shelter by:

   a. selecting one of the following types of shelters:

      (1) a bent tree shelter,

      (2) a lean-to with poncho,

      (3) a bough shelter, and

      (4) a root shelter; and

   b. constructing the selected shelter using a groundsheet in place of a bough roof.

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4. **Teaching Points**

TP	Description	Method	Time	Ref
TP1	Select a shelter site, to include: a. terrain considerations, to include: (1) selecting an area large enough for the shelter, (2) selecting an area that is elevated and provides drainage, and (3) identifying sheltered areas that protect from wind, rain and sun; and b. location considerations, to include: (1) proximity to a water source, (2) proximity to a fuel source, (3) proximity to building materials, (4) proximity to animal trails and holes, (5) an area that can be seen from the air, and (6) an entrance that is sheltered from the wind and preferably south facing; and c. time requirements to build the shelter.	Interactive Lecture	25 min	C2-004 (pp. 96–97)
TP2	Demonstrate and have the cadet and a partner construct a two person survival shelter, from the following: a. a bent tree shelter, b. a lean-to with poncho, c. a bough shelter, and d. a root shelter.	Demonstration and Performance	60 min	C2-008 (pp. 244–250)

5. **Time**

a.	Introduction/Conclusion:	5 min
b.	Interactive Lecture:	25 min
c.	Demonstration and Performance:	60 min
d.	Total:	90 min

6. **Substantiation**

a. An interactive lecture was chosen for TP 1 to introduce factors to consider when selecting a site for an improvised shelter and present background information.

b. Demonstration and performance was chosen for TP 2 as it is allows the instructor to explain and demonstrate constructing survival shelters while providing an opportunity for the cadets to practice under supervision.

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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 0-00-653140-7) Wiseman, J. (1999). *SAS Survival Handbook*. Hammersmith, London: HarperCollins Publishers.

8. **Training Aids**

   a. Survival kit,

   b. Twine,

   c. Pocket knife, and

   d. Groundsheet.

9. **Learning Aids**

   a. Survival kit,

   b. Twine,

   c. Pocket knife, and

   d. Groundsheet.

10. **Test Details.** This EO is assessed IAW Chapter 3, Annex B, Appendix 7 (324 EC-01).

11. **Remarks**

   a. Prior to conducting this lesson the instructor shall locate an example of each type of shelter.

   b. It is understood that seasonal differences and location may restrict the ability to construct all shelters; however cadets should be provided with as many visual examples as possible.

   c. This EO should be conducted during the allocated Bivouac FTX.

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