

## M121.07

### Erect a Group Tent

#### Conditions

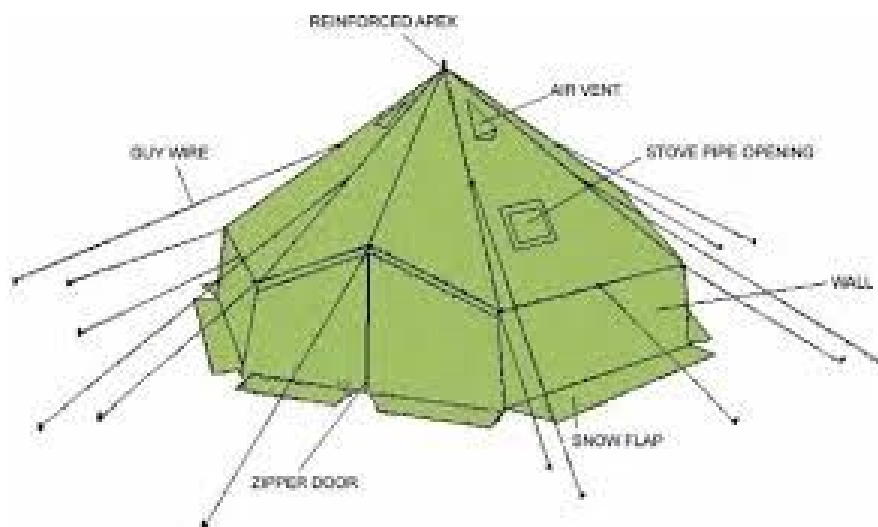
- a) Given:
  - i) Group Tent
  - ii) Supervision
  - iii) Assistance as required
- b) Environmental: Field settings, daylight hours, during a bivouac FTX.

#### Standard

Cadets shall successfully pitch a tent with a group

#### Teaching Point One: Introduce the type of tent

A typical tent to be erected during a cadet FTX is called an Arctic Tent. These are used to trap heat and keep out cold and are perfect for colder, snowy weather.



## **Parts of the Arctic Tent:**

Reinforced Apex: Very top of the tent, the center pole should be placed directly underneath in the tent to lift up the center, creating space inside.

Air Vent: Allows air to escape as to not overheat or suffocate the inhabitants.

Stove Pipe Opening: Allows smoke and steam from a stove to escape as to not overheat or suffocate the inhabitants.

Wall: Creates an enclosed shelter that keeps in heat and gives protection against nature.

Snow Flap: Allows extra insulation by putting snow on the flaps, this will also keep the walls from moving.

Guy Wire: Pulls the tent walls and allows more room for the inhabitants. The wire also keeps the tent from moving and potentially flying away.

Zipper Door: Entrance to the Tent, prevents elements from entering the tent.

Watch this video to see how an Arctic Tent is constructed. Only watch to 2:10.

[5 Man Arctic Tent Setup and Overnight Camp 2018](#)

## **Teaching Point 2: Erect the Tent.**

At this point in time, it is difficult to put up the tent in a group, make sure you watch the video or search on your own to make sure you have an understanding for future FTX's. Thank you.

### **Teaching Point 3: Organization of Personal Space Inside the Tent.**

- (a) During hot weather, leave the tent door open to allow air to pass through the tent. Close the fly to ensure creatures and critters to do not enter the tent.
- (b) Air mattresses should be the first thing laid out and inflated.
- (c) Ensure the tent is clean and free of food.
- (d) The personal kit should be stored at the foot of the tent, outside the tent, or under a fly or a tarp.
- (e) Footwear is removed and stored at the door.
- (f) Sleeping bags are rolled out immediately before sleep and kept rolled up with kit the rest of the day.

### **Teaching Point 4: Striking your Tent.**

Striking your tent should be swift and all parts of the tent should be clean and accounted for. All parts should be put back neatly and the same (or better) than how they were found. The campsite should be clean of food and garbage, and again should be better than how it was found. Ensure that no materials were lost and that each inhabitant of the tent has their own kit and any assigned kit before striking their tent to prevent missing items. The tent should be neatly folded and returned to its bag, pegs return to their slots, and any branches used should be returned to the wilderness.

### **End of Lesson Confirmation:**

Question 1: What are the conditions needed to build a tent?

Question 2: What are the strings that widen the tent called?

Question 3: What is the first thing you set up in your tent?

Question 4: What should be kept outside of the tent, rather than inside?

Question 5: How should the campsite look when you are finished?

Thank you for taking the time to keep on top of cadet work as well as your regular work.

I hope you all are staying happy and healthy. Do not feel afraid to reach out to a friend or even a senior if you are feeling down, we are all here for you. See you soon!

Best Regards,

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