

SIMPLE WET-WEATHER TENT SETUP AND TAKEDOWN

Objective

STAY DRY!!!

Equipment

- TARP or plastic sheeting, **at least** 2X the size of your tent
- ball of lightweight nylon cord (at least 50 ft.)
- interior piece of plastic sheeting cut to tent floor dimension

Procedure

- 1) If raining, cover pack first, then bungee exterior tarp or sheeting to outside; carrying ball of cord and knife in raincoat pocket (but keep your interior sheet of plastic which will go inside your tent, inside the pack to stay dry).
- 2) Upon arrival, pick a **well-drained tent-site with positive slope (never a low area)**.
- 3) Stretch your tarp **FIRST**, tie out to trees (or use hiking poles or staves if no trees nearby).
- 4) Pitch tarp angle to **drain DOWNHILL** from your tent (diagram).
- 5).DO NOT try to set up tent or open your pack until tarp is secure and providing shelter.
- 6) **Note groundcloth alignment (diagram)**, set up tent, place interior plastic sheeting on floor of tent to protect from unexpected water accumulation in the groundcloth.
- 7) To take down in rain, reverse the process; tarp comes down last (remember to cover your pack first).

