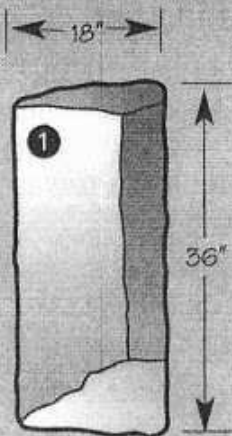


## Snow Cave Camping Check List

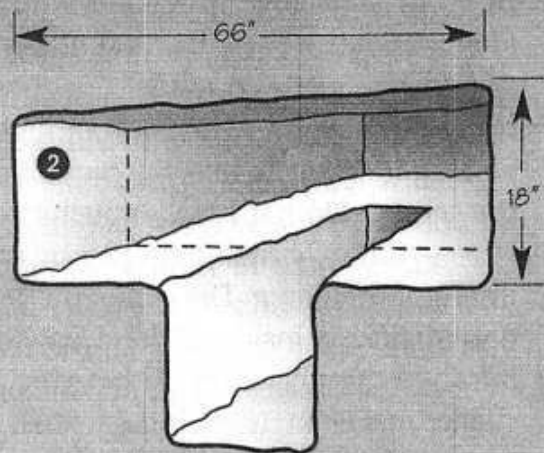
- ✓ **Gear**
  - Sleeping Bag – cold weather
  - Closed cell foam pad (second one for added insulation optional)
  - Rope
  - 2 tarps or ground cloth (1 to sleep on, 1 to cover snow cave in rain)
  - 2 liters of water
  - Mess kit – cup, fork, spoon
  - Pan or cup for heating water over stove
  - Flashlight with (new) extra batteries
  - Emergency blanket
  - Snow shovel (optional)
  - Snow shoes (optional)
  - Ice/snow saw (optional)
  - Chemical lights (optional)
  - Backpack stove (optional)
- ✓ **Personal Items**
  - Sun Screen
  - Chap stick
  - Goggles or sunglasses
  - Hand warmers (optional)
- ✓ **Clothing**
  - Poncho
  - Cold weather coat (bring extra coat)
  - Cold weather pants (non-cotton) (two per day)
  - Cold weather shirts (non-cotton) (two per day)
  - Long underwear (two sets per day)
  - Wool socks (three per day)
  - Hat (warm hat plus 1 extra)
  - Gloves (**at least 2 pair** – Gortex preferred, no cotton)
  - Extra shoes/boots
- ✓ **11 Essentials (some items are listed above)**
  - Pocket knife
  - First Aid Kit
  - Extra clothing
  - Rain Gear
  - Water bottle
  - Flashlight
  - Trail Food
  - Matches & Fire starter
  - Sun protection
  - Map and Compass
  - Rope

## T-Front Snow Cave



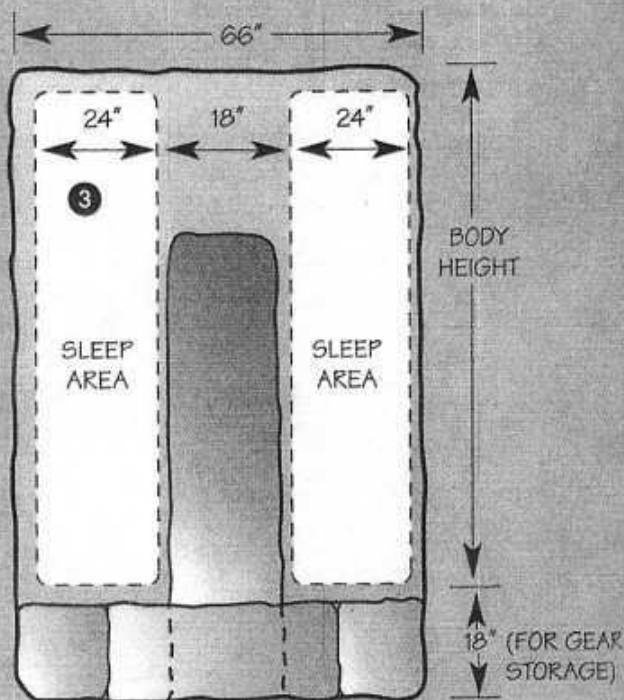
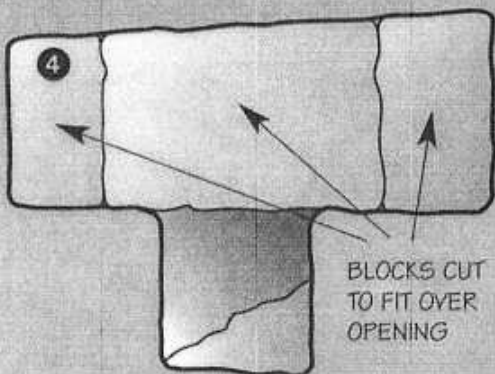
A variation on the classic snow cave design can be quick and efficient:

- 1 Dig an entrance about 18 inches wide and as high as your chest.



- 2 Widen the top to form a T shape.

- 3 Dig several feet farther into the drift and excavate the interior of the cave. The floor of the cave will be at about waist level, so much of your digging will be upward and to the sides.



- 4 When the interior space is fully formed, use blocks of snow, bags of snow, or snowballs packed together to seal the top of the T.

- 5 Use a ski pole or shovel handle to poke several ventilation holes in the ceiling at a 45-degree angle to the floor.

