



SHOW ME SHELTER

Some bats make themselves a shelter by biting a leaf until it folds over, forming a tent. (Check out the picture in “Wild and Weird” on page 31 in the January 2009 issue of *Ranger Rick*). Winter is a fun time to build your own shelter.

Date _____ Time _____

Location _____

Weather _____

Helpful Things to Take Along:

- ✓ A friend or family member
- ✓ Some rope
- ✓ A tarp

1. First, get permission from a grownup to build a fort in your yard or somewhere nearby. Then go looking for a good place for your fort. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Snow. If there's plenty of snow outside, you could build a snow fort.
- ✓ A low tree branch. Hang a tarp over the branch or lean sticks against it to make a lean-to.
- ✓ Three or more tall sticks. Tie them together at the top with a rope. Stand them up and spread them out to make a teepee. Cover the frame with a tarp or more sticks to make walls.
- ✓ Bushes or a hedge. If there's space underneath, crawl in!

2. After you build your fort, share it with some friends. How many can fit inside? Can you squeeze in twelve, like the bats in their tent?!

3. Draw a picture of your fort in the box below. On the back of this page, write step-by-step instructions describing how you built it.

