

Household Emergency Preparedness Manual

Addendum E: Shelter & Structural Safety

Learning Path Reference

Northern Utah / Wasatch Front Edition

Every course, certification, and organization referenced across all four stages of this addendum, gathered into one reference card. See the full addendum for the reasoning and context behind each resource.

Stage 1: Foundations (Awareness)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
Great Utah ShakeOut	Free, annual, online registration	shakeout.org/utah . The statewide earthquake drill; participating is the single easiest Stage 1 shelter action available.
University of Utah Outdoor Survival Skills (Lifelong Learning)	Low-cost, single-session	continue.utah.edu . An accessible, low-commitment intro to shelter building, fire starting, and water filtration basics.

Stage 2: Applied Practice (Competent)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
Tarp and cordage shelter-building materials	\$30–\$80	A ridgeline tarp and paracord, enough to actually build and sleep in a shelter per the practice exercise above.
University of Utah Outdoor Survival Skills (hands-on session)	Low-cost, single-session	continue.utah.edu . The same course as Stage 1, now for actual hands-on shelter-building practice rather than the intro overview.

Stage 3: Self-Sufficiency (Proficient)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
Boulder Outdoor Survival School (BOSS), 7-Day Primitive Skills	~\$1,500–\$2,000 depending on program	boss-inc.com. Southern Utah, Aquarius Plateau; a nationally respected, Utah-based program.
ATC-20 Field Manual (Applied Technology Council)	Free/low-cost PDF	atcouncil.org/atc-20. The actual professional reference behind the green/yellow/red tagging system.

Stage 4: Mastery & Teaching (Expert)

Resource	Cost / Format	Notes
BOSS 14-Day or 28-Day Field Expedition	\$2,500–\$4,000+ depending on program length	boss-inc.com. The genuine mastery-level version of the Stage 3 introduction.