

## **The Students of Nathan Maertens – Honorable Mention Entry**

Nathan Maerten writes, “I have been an avid reader of Make since the very first issue, and it is always a joyous occasion for me when a new issue comes out. I recently started my first year as a college composition instructor, and while trying to think of fun team building activities for my class I stumbled upon the current MakeShift challenge. What better way to build camaraderie than to have to figure out how to survive with others? I broke my students into groups of three, and gave them an hour to come up with a potential solution. I certainly didn't count on how rudimentary their knowledge of wilderness survival skills would be, and some of their solutions are far-fetched at best, but everybody had a fantastic time.”

The students' solutions follow.

Dominique  
Terry  
Channa  
Thornton  
Melissa  
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# Snowbound

We've decided to wait out the storm. ...  
dig a hole <sup>in the ground</sup> put wood <sup>in the hole</sup> from a tree that <sup>you can cut with</sup> the knife. Add gas from the snowmobile and then start the fire with a spark from the screw driver and a rock.

You have two protein bars for the two day storm and a bottle of water to drink. If you run out of water put snow in the bottle <sup>and let it melt</sup> and drink the scotch to keep you occupied.

Make an antennae from metal and wire from the snow mobile to attempt to get service on your cell phone

Use the wrench, screwdriver, and pliers to dismantle the snow mobile and make a shelter out of the parts. Use a part as a shovel to dig away some snow and then put the parts around the spot. Use the snowmobile cover as a roof.

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Dig a hole in the ground and put branches that you've cut with your pocket knife in the hole. Add gas from the snow mobile and use the screw driver and a rock to make a spark.

Make an antennae from metal and wire from the snow mobile to attempt to get service on your cell phone.

You have two protein bars for the two day storm and a bottle of water to drink. If you run out of water put snow in the bottle and let it melt. Drink the scotch to keep you occupied!

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## Our Solution

Our solution is to make a fort. The fort is made from scavenging parts from the snowmobile and resources from the area such as sturdy wood to keep the fort up. Using the engine for heat when needed.

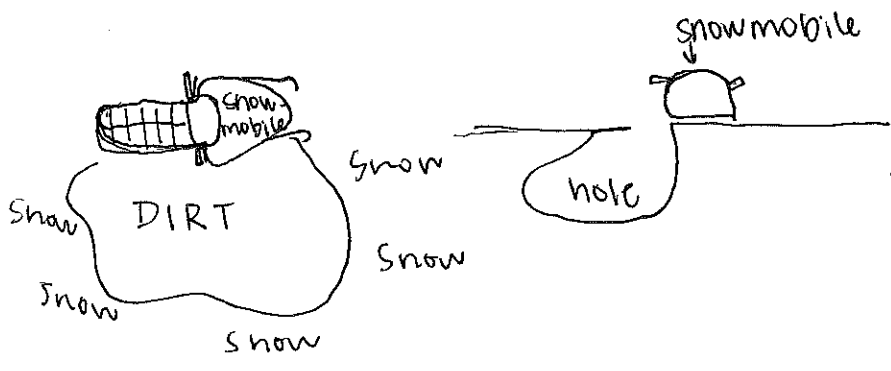
Also we will use the snowmobile cover to keep as a cover to our "fort" and to keep the heat in the fort. Next our solution would be to just sleep and wait for the storm to pass, and hopefully someone will find us, once the storm passes we could start walking towards the cabin or at least until we can get some cell service.

First things first put some article of clothing or piece of snowmobile cover up in a tree close to you. Don't move from your location and start digging a snow cave. Use cover inside snow cave to insulate yourself. Take your time doing any type of labor cause sweat and ~~energy~~ consumption of too much energy is deadly. Only eat food if you're desperate, who knows how long the storm could last. Conserve your water as much as possible. Whatever you do, don't drink the alcohol! This can cause dehydration and give you the illusion of being warm, when in fact, you aren't. Try to wait out the storm in your haven and as soon as you are able, try taking time to fix the snowmobile. Use your swiss army knife to cut up small branches and leaves that aren't too damp. If you are unable to fix the snowmobile, ~~you~~ run the engine to generate heat. This could be a great way to stay warm. Using a piece of your cotton clothing that isn't wet, try to use the spark plug to generate sparks, ~~on to~~ onto the cotton and dry tree material. Make the fire as big as you can to signal for help and stay warm. Use scotch bottles to hold snow and melt over flame, poke hole in top to avoid emense pressure.

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Drew  
Michael

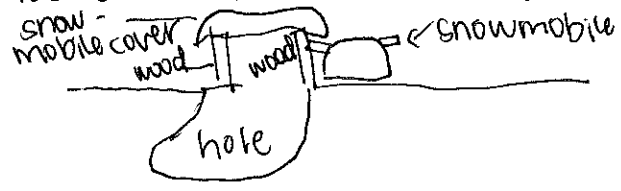
Drink water when cooled, hydration is key! If worst comes to worst, you can eat snow, I know this, I did in the snow! Wait it out and when in doubt, hug a tree. Keep your cell phone dry! Climb a tree too look for reception. Use something to protect your body from sleeping on something cold. Avoid hypothermia at all costs!

First, I would clear the area of one side of snowmobile of snow there's dirt. \* use the front ~~skis~~ skis to dig a hole in the ground.

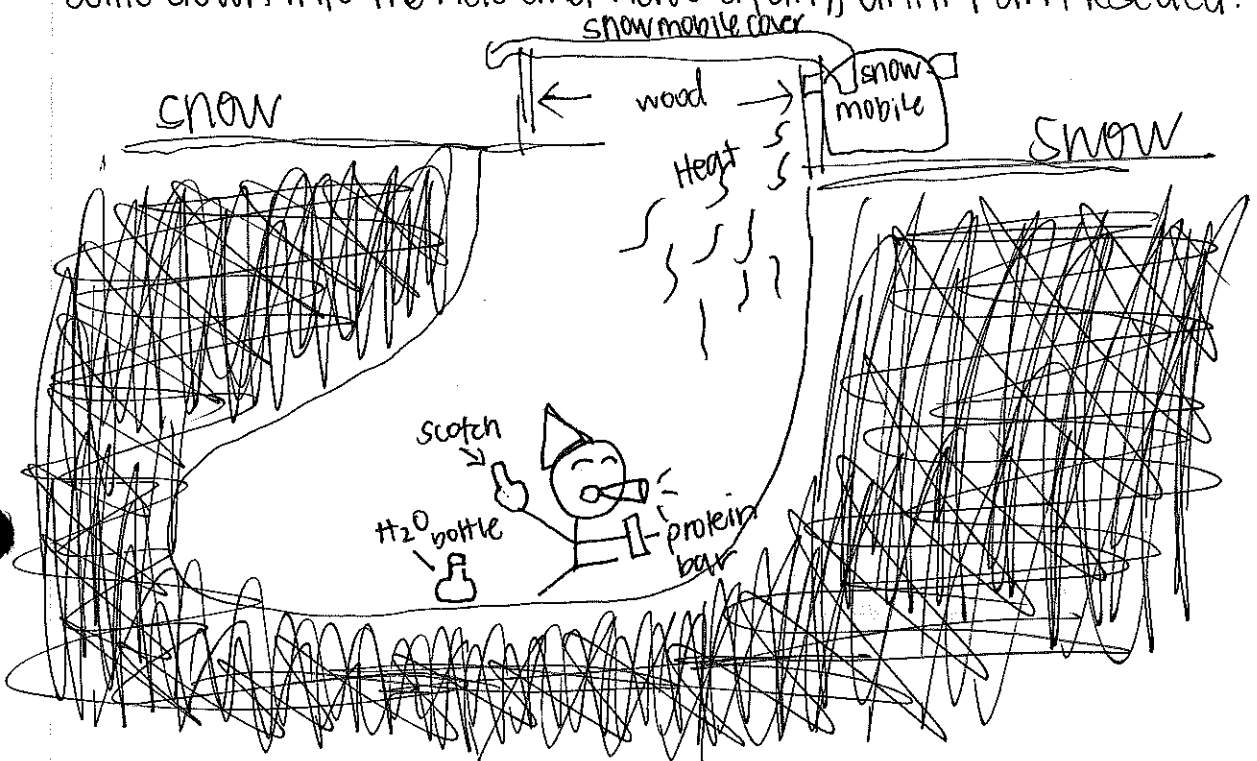


\* Using the leatherman toolkit, I could unscrew the front skis off the snowmobile.

Then, get loose pieces of wood and make shelter over the hole and use the snowmobile cover to cover the hole.

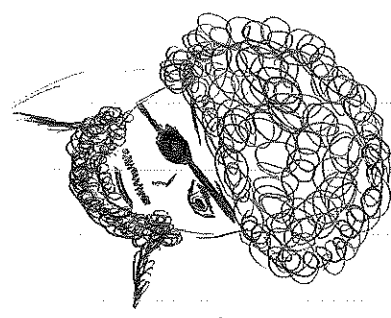


I'd turn on the snowmobile so the engine heat finds its way into the hole. Then ~~we~~ I would take the bottle of scotch, protein bar, and water bottle down into the hole and have a party, until I am rescued.



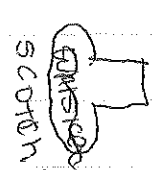
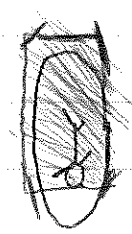
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The best thing to do is to save his energy and stay by his broken snowmobile, because it would probably take 48 hours ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> help ~~to come to him~~ ~~he~~ ~~would~~ to come for him. The first thing he should do is to find a way to stay warm. To do this he can use his tools to dig a small ditch big enough for his body, because that's where all the heat is. After he finishes digging he should put the snowmobile cover on top of the ditch. He then needs to use the screwdrivers as a pile to keep the snowmobile cover in place. To survive he needs to drink water and eat the two protein bars, preferably one bar a day. He could also drink the bottle of scotch from time to time to keep his body warm. To make his ditch a bit more warmer he could use his Swiss Army knife to cut up skinny branches from nearby trees and put it on top of the snowmobile cover. If he runs out of water, he can eat the snow. He can use his cellphone to ~~keep~~ check time and he can also play games on it to pass time. He can make fire by getting two rocks and creating a spark and use the gasoline or the scotch.

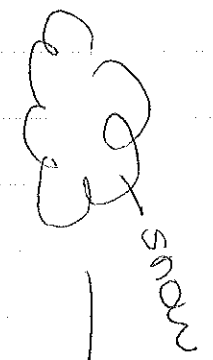


"Bruce  
"The Pirate"  
Rodriguez

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# SNOWBOUND!

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Mr. Melovin, the abandoned snowmobile driver, is in a tough situation. However he has a plan to survive.

First, using the metal scraps from the snowmobile, and the abundant snow, Mr. Melovin is going to build a shelter for himself. He's going to use the metal as a liner to build the snow around. After that he's going to use the snowmobile cover and seats as a comfortable bed, in the shelter. After he is all settled he's going to drink the scotch and get drunk. He's saving the food for later. He will pass out and time will pass. Once the storm has come and gone he will awake. He will eat one protein bar for strength. Then he's going to start walking to his friend's place. He will never run out of water, because of all the surrounding snow.

Mr. Melovin will survive and successfully make it to his friend's house.