BPX GEAR CHECKS

I backpacked the rest of the year with my old seven-pound tent, cramped hands. Another camper broke a tent pole when setting up a new tent for the first time.

So, I spent one miserable night in the trash bag covered bivy sack. I am so happy I did not try out the bivy sack on a multiday trip.

Then hail started, and the storm lasted for what seemed like hours and hours. My legs felt every hail stone. I was thinking of a dark and stormy night holding her tent fly shut with cold, dry, but one camper's zipper malfunctioned and she spent the next morning. We'll make it real - or as real as it can be at the next year's Gear Shakedown where it would result in a rain soaked sleeping bag.

A Gear Check is unneccessary? Read

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