

Equipment Check

17 poles	Door flap	Canvas tipi cover
50 ft of rope	2 inner walls	
X wooden pins	4 ft of yar	



Canvas Tipi Cover



Inner wall x 2



Door Flap

Pole Selection

1. Line up all the poles so that all the bases are even. There are two poles that are not sharpened. These poles are the smoke flap poles. Move these poles to one side.
2. Find the pole that is labelled with L ; this is the lifting pole. Move this pole to one side.
3. Find the three poles that are labelled with "N", "S" and "D". The "N" stands for north, the "S" stands for south and the "D" stands for door. Move this pole to one side.



Tipi Poles



Smoke Hole Poles



South Pole North Pole Door Pole Lifting Pole

Measuring the tripod

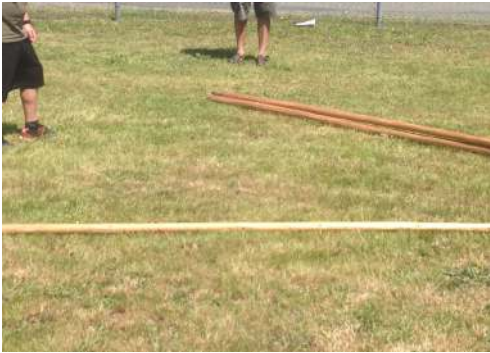
4. Lay the canvas cover (tipi skin) out on a broad space. The skin should be 'outside' face up on the ground,
5. Measure the 'N' and 'S' poles. Take one of the poles and lay across the canvas. Position the pole from the middle of the canvas to the centre of the half-circle. The bottom of the pole should stick out 3 inches. Mark the pole where the canvas tie is. Repeat this with the other pole.
6. Measure the 'D' pole. Position this pole from the middle of the canvas (where the pole tie is) to one of the door sides. This pole should extend 4-6 inches from the bottom of the curve. Mark the pole where the canvas tie is. (this pole will not be in line with the other two poles)
7. Lash the three poles together. Raise the poles carefully. One person should hold the rope while another help-er lifts the poles and places each pole in an equilateral triangle. * The tips of the poles should point in the cardinal direction labelled on the lodge.



Canvas Tipi cover



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Loading the Lifting Pole

8. Slide this 'L' pole under the canvas cover from the middle of the canvas to the centre of the half-circle. This pole should extend past the edge of the canvas by 3 inches.

9. Lash the tipi canvas to the lifting pole and set aside. This pole is the last pole to be raised.



Adding the Poles to the Tripod

10. Add poles to the three sides of the tripod. Use the following diagram to inform your tipi pole placement.
11. After each pole is added you must use the tripod rope to lash the new pole to the tripod.
12. After the lifting pole has been added then bring the tripod rope into the centre of the lodge.



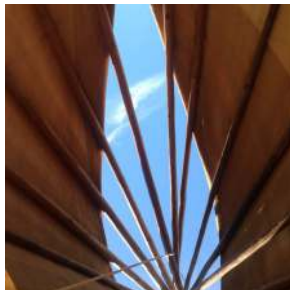
Wrapping the canvas around the tipi structure

13. The last pole to be placed on the structure is the 'Lifting Pole' with the canvas. Secure the canvas to the lifting pole with a small piece of rope to keep the canvas from opening.
14. Raise the pole and secure the pole to the structure with the tripod rope.
15. Unwrap the canvas and stretch it around the tipi poles bringing the whole lodge together at the door pole and pole number 4.
16. Use the wooden pins to secure the two sides of the lodge canvas.

Securing Canvas to the Lifting Pole—First



Wrapping the canvas around the tipi structure—second



Smoke Flaps

17. Use the remaining two poles to secure the smoke flaps.

