

STANSPORT TENT TIPS

Item No. 726

“Odyssey” Backpack Tent with Rain-Fly & Vestible

Thank you for taking Stansport outdoors. We hope you enjoy your new tent and that it will give you many years of camping pleasure. We encourage you to read and understand each step of the set-up instructions prior to working with the tent. DO NOT APPLY EXCESSIVE FORCE TO ANY PART OF THE TENT POLES DURING SET UP.

WATERPROOFING YOUR TENT

STANSPORT Tents are made from coated water repellent fabrics. However, the sewing process necessary in all tent fabrication, can cause water leakage where the sewing needles have perforated the fabric in the seams. Without treatment, the tent will leak. Every new tent needs to be seam sealed to make it water tight. Seam sealer can be located at your local outdoor outfitter or camping store. We recommend sealing the outside of the floor and rain-fly twice and the underside of the fly and the inside floor once. When finished, let the tent stand and dry for a 6 to 12 hours before putting it away.

1) BEGINNING SET UP

Assemble the 3 sets of shock-corded poles. All three poles are the same size. When this is done, spread the tent out on the ground until it is opened completely. Locate the 6 pieces of black webbing with the grommets at the corners. The grommet at the end of the webbing is best used with the tent stakes. Use the grommet closest to the tent for the pole tips.

2) SETTING UP THE TENT

Begin with the grommets at the front (closest to the door) and back of the tent. Take two of the pole arcs and place the aluminum pole tip (at the end of the poles) into the first grommet. Following the nylon clips across the tent and locate the grommet opposite the one your pole is connected to. Place the other end of the pole into the grommet. Repeat this procedure with the other pole. These two poles will criss-cross over the back of the tent.

With the first two poles in place, you can now lift them up and begin attaching the clips on the body of the tent to the poles. When all the clips are attached to these first two poles the tent should begin to stand on its own. You are now ready to put the third pole in place and connect it to the clips. The third and remaining pole runs side to side. Locate the remaining two sets of grommets on each side of the tent and repeat the above procedure. Note: If you are alone, set-up will take more time and patience.

3) RAIN FLY INSTALLATION

Place the rain-fly on top of the tent body (the zippered end of the fly goes above the door) and locate the 6 pieces of webbing (with grommets) sewn to the rain-fly. The rain-fly is meant to attach to the same 6 pole tips as the tent body. The pole tips are extra long to accommodate both grommeted pieces of webbing. To secure the rain-fly remove each pole tip (one at a time) from the grommet on the tent body. Without letting go of either the tent pole or both pieces of webbing, place the grommetted webbing on the rain-fly between the pole tip and the grommetted webbing on the tent body (see diagram) and insert the pole tip into the two grommets. Then with the zipper on the rain-fly zipped, stake out the vestibule portion of the rain-fly. With the vestibule staked out, you may now unzip and roll back the fly.

4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Make sure to stake down the tent (with the tent stakes included) in windy weather, or if you anticipate afternoon winds coming up while you are away from your campsite. Always place your tent a safe distance from your campfire — unstaked tents placed upwind of the fire can be blown into the fire. Tents placed downwind of the fire are often showered with tiny sparks that can burn holes in the lightweight fabrics of the tent. We recommend that you practice setting up your tent at home before taking it into the wilderness.

5) MILDEW

Mildew is likely to form if a tent is rolled wet for more than a few days. Mildew can cause delamination between fabric and waterproof coating as well as staining on your tent. Prompt cleaning and drying is the only way to stop the growth of mildew. Staining is irreversible.

6) WARNING

STANSPORT tent fabrics are flame retardant treated per CPAI-84. However, for your safety, we recommend that no open flame be used in or near your tent.



DIAGRAM #1

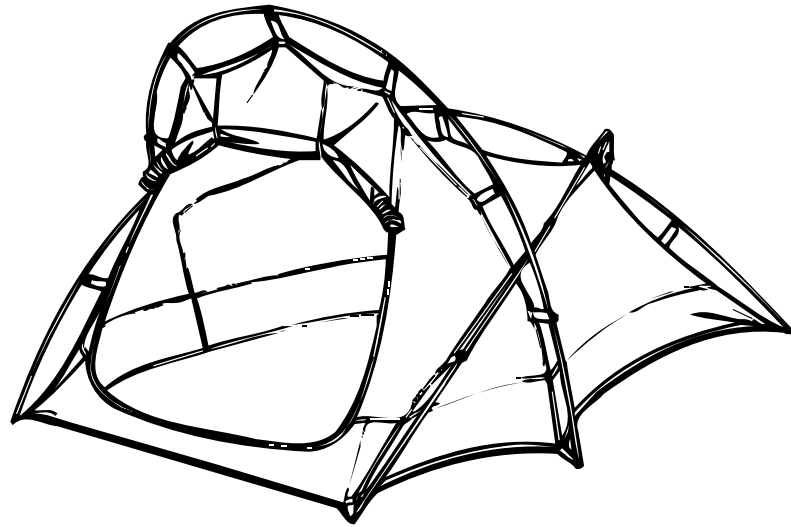
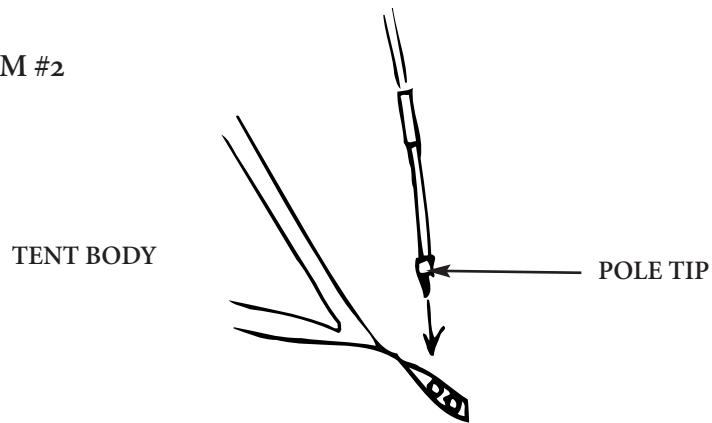


DIAGRAM #2



RAIN-FLY

DIAGRAM #3

