

STANSPOORT® TENT TIPS

Item No. 737

“Cottonwood” Family Dome Tent

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

STANSPOORT Tents are made from water repellent coated 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 may leak. Every new tent should be seam sealed to make sure it is 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 2 long sets of shock-corded poles. Now, spread the tent out on the ground until it is opened completely. Remove the rain-fly and set it aside.

Locate a pin and ring set at one of the corners. Now, take any one of the two long pole arcs and place the ferrule at the end of the pole onto the pin. Following the sleeve across the tent in a straight line, locate the pin and ring set directly opposite the one your pole is connected to. Now place the other end of the pole arc over the pin. Repeat this procedure with the other remaining pole arc. Once both pole arcs are up and in place you are now ready to begin connecting the remaining clips.

2) RAIN FLY INSTALLATION

Spread the rain-fly out upside down. Assemble the (short) remaining shock-corded pole. Place the ends of a fly pole into the web pockets at opposite edges of the fly. Tie the nylon straps at the center of the fly and at any other locations around both fly poles. When this is done turn the fly right side up and put the rain-fly on top of the tent body. The fly pole should stick out over windows and door. Tie the nylon straps on the fly around the tent poles on the body of the tent. Now, locate the black nylon S-hooks attached to the fly's shock cord and secure them to the appropriate aluminum rings at each bottom corner.

3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The “Cottonwood” Family Dome Tent comes with a removable gear loft. The gear loft is attached to the inside of the tent near the ceiling by using the attached hooks and rings. The gear loft is an optional accessory that does not have to be in place for proper tent assembly.

Securing and placement of tent. 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.

4) 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.

5) WARNING

STANSPOORT 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.

