

Packing and Repacking Troop 49 Patrol Tents

Assemble Tent: Pull out rain fly, ground tarp and tent. Place pole bag and stakes on top of tent bag. Spread out ground tarp, spread out tent on top of tarp. Take out tent poles and assemble them. The two largest poles go crisscross into sheaths on top of tent. The two small poles go into black pockets on inside of the rain fly and are velcro'd at the middle. See Below:



Put ends of tent poles into silver spikes located on corner rings then stake down corners of tent placing stakes on a 45 degree angle (see above). Place rain fly over tent, velcro them to the tent tent poles as shown above then snap rain fly into clip located at corner of tent. Pull tight on strap. Then stake down rest of rain fly pulling tight all straps so tent is taunt. See Below:



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Repacking: Before repacking make sure you thoroughly sweep out tent and clean off all stakes before putting them in the stake bag. Unstrap rain fly, take out poles and fold rain fly in a manner no wider than tent bag. Take tent poles out and put all of them in tent bag with stake bag. Fold tent in a width no wider than tent bag and place on top of rain fly. Wipe off ground tarp and fold tarp in a manner no wider than tent bag and place on top of tent. Fold the excess ends of the rain fly back over the tent and ground tarp.



Now, take the tent pole bag and place it on the edge of the folded tent. Roll the bag in a Tuck -Roll fashion as tight as you can. The tighter the roll the less chance you will have to redo this step. If you need help getting a tight roll you can always have an older scout help you. Once you have completed the task have a scout hold the tent bag and slide the tent slowly into the bag. You may have to work your hands around the tent bag to ease the tent into it. Don't push hard or you may undo the tight roll you just completed and have to start all over again.

Taking Tent Home: If you are assigned to take a tent home make sure that as soon as you get home pull the tent, rain fly, stakes and ground tarp out of their bags and spread them out. Assemble the tent as shown above (ground tarp can just be hung up) If the weather is bad set the tent up in the garage or as a last resort lay it out or hang it in your garage/basement to air dry. **DON'T DELAY DRYING TENT** and cleaning stakes. The tent you are bringing home most likely is **damp or wet** from being packed up early in the morning. The stake probably have wet mud. If you leave it packed up the tent will become moldy, begin to deteriorate and forces the troop to pay for a replacement. **Dry everything out completely, clean off dirt from tent floor, ground tarp and check for and report damage.** When you get a tent to set up at camp, you want one that is clean and in good condition. Your fellow scouts are depending on you to do your duty as well.