

Beavers Camp Craft Badge

Help To Put Up A Tent

Tents

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Overview

The Beavers in teams will do a little 'Tent Type Activity', then they will all help you or another adult pitch and strike a tent.

Note: If you don't have a camp coming up you can complete this task in a nearby forest or field.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Print out the 'Tent Types' handout for the activity – found in this document – you need one for each team of 2. The second page of the handout has two copies on one page.
2. Print out the answer sheet – found in this document – you need one copy for the leaders and there are two on the page

Materials Needed

- A tent - If you have a large group it would be good to split them up into teams of 8-10 and assign a leader and a tent to each team
- Scissors, Tube glue (for paper), Pen/pencil for each team of 2 children

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Each team of two children should have somewhere to sit and something to lean on to be able to write.

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** – Today you are going to start your 'Camp Craft Badge'. One of the tasks you need to complete for this badge is to put up a tent. Before we do this together I have a fun activity for you to do in teams of two.
2. **Direction** – Split your group into teams of two and get them to sit together
3. **Action** – Give each team the 'Tent Types Activity' handout
4. **Speak** – In your teams take it in turns to cut out the blue half of the tents and then stick them on the to the white part to complete each tent. Then I want you to write the name of each tent by choosing from the names shown in step 2
5. **Direction** – When you go through the answers and if you have mainly older Beavers use the text on the answer sheet to explain what situation you would use each tent type for
6. **Speak** – Now we're going to put up a tent together. Did you know that at camp you don't put up a tent you 'Pitch' it. And you don't take down a tent you 'Strike' it!
7. **Direction** – If you only intend to use one tent for this activity then...
 - a. Demonstrate pitching the tent involving as many Beavers to help you as possible
 - b. Describe what you are doing in every step
 - c. Then choose different children to help strike the tent
8. **Direction** – Explain to the children that good teamwork, orderliness and correctness is needed to pitch a tent otherwise it could take longer to pitch and you may find it collapses

9. **Direction** – If you are in a scenario where you have many tents then assign a leader helper to each tent and follow steps a-c above
10. **Note:** If you have the time and have two different types of tents it would be good for your group to practice pitching and striking more than one type.

Tips on Pitching and Striking a Tent

NOTE : If as a leader it's the first time you've pitched a tent this information will help. You can use bits of it as speak to the children while you are showing them how to pitch and strike your tent...

Step 1 – Secure your area

- Remove any obstructions stones, twigs etc.
- Preferably choose a flat site, with no roots etc. to sleep on
- Check you have enough space for your guylines
- Check which way round to put your tent i.e. where is the door going to be
- Check there is no obstruction overhead (you don't want any fallen branches crashing into your tent, or any lightning strikes hitting the tent)

Step 2 – Checking and laying out of the equipment

- Empty the tent bag and make sure you have all the composite parts. Keep them altogether in the same place where you won't lose them

Step 3 – Pitching the tent

- Most modern tents will come with instructions and will usually have a video showing you how to pitch the tent
- If you are using a 'Patrol Tent' this is a great demonstration video from the 'Whitecross Scout Group' on how to pitch this type of tent. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6bvX6XVwQo>

Striking the tent

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TENT TYPES

1. Find the missing half for each tent and stick it on to complete the picture
2. Choose from these names and write the correct one next to each tent...

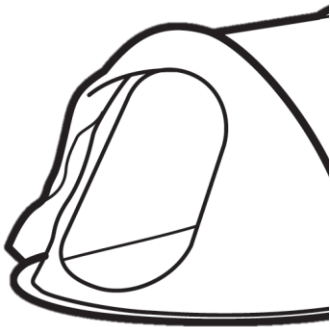
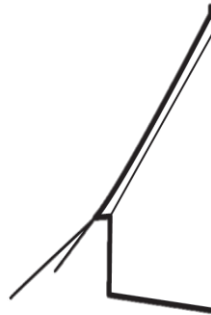
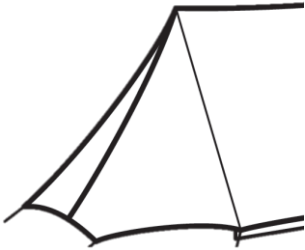
Geodesic Tent

Dome Tent

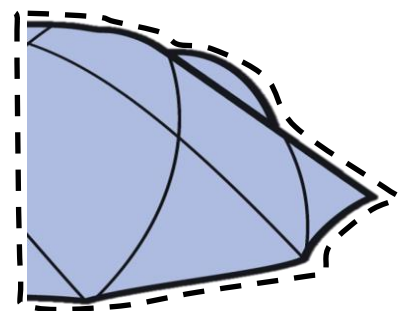
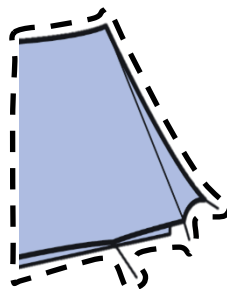
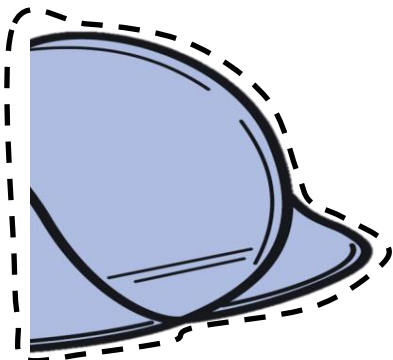
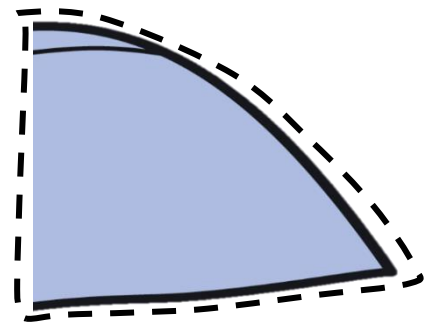
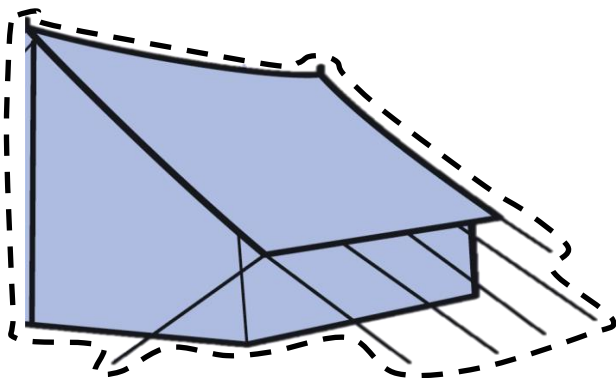
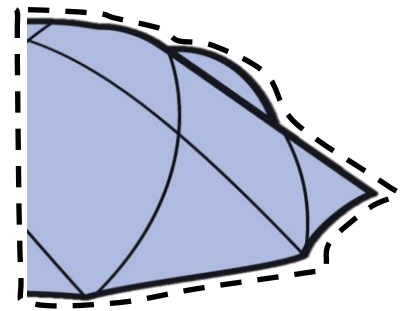
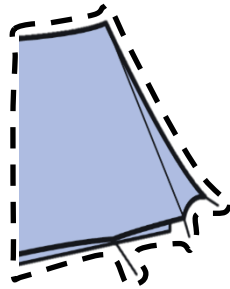
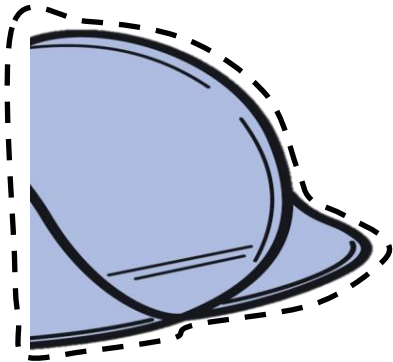
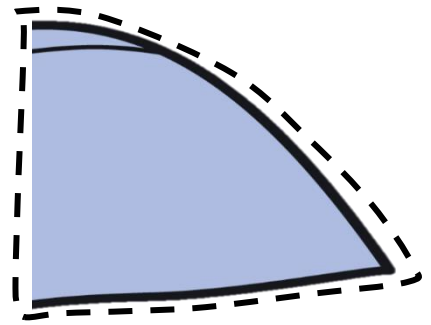
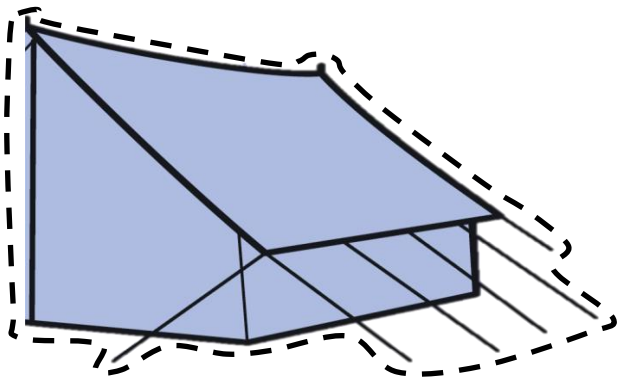
Tunnel Tent

Patrol Tent

Quick-pitch Tent



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Answer for the leaders

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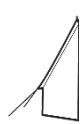
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Dome Tent	This tent is good for shedding water and standing up in high winds. Used for lightweight camping and walking and are made of lightweight materials
Geodesic Tent	This tent is very stable and great for extreme weather conditions.
Patrol Tent	This is tent is great for Scout camps. It's made of a heavy canvas material, is robust and hard-wearing.
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