

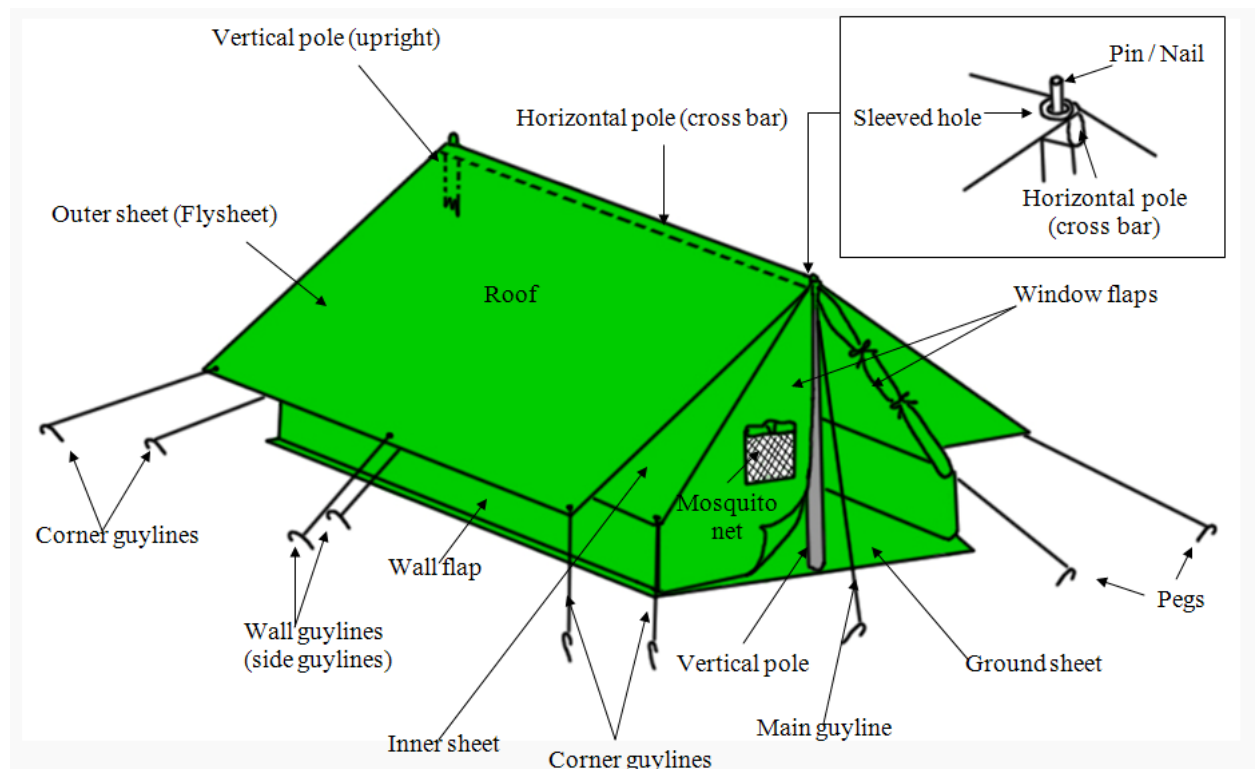
11. Tent – Pitching

Camping is one of the regular activities of the NPCC. Campers stay in tents at Annual Camps and

Adventure/Survival Training Camps at the NPCC campsite in Pulau Ubin. Hence, it is necessary for instructors and cadets to familiarize themselves with tent - pitching.

Parts of the NPCC 4-man tent

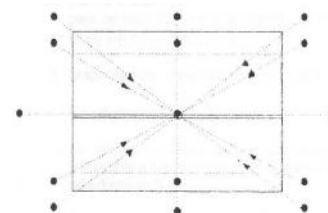
- 1 x inner sheet (with door flaps at both ends and wall flaps on both sides)
- 1 x outer sheet
- 1 x ground sheet
- 1 x horizontal pole (also known as "crossbar")
- 2 x vertical poles (also known as "uprights")
- 14 x metal pegs + 1 x metal peg to peg in the last peg.
- Twine (12 x 1.5m, 2 x 2.5m)



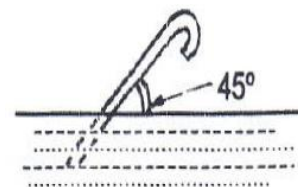
Recommended Pitching Procedure

1. Lay the inner sheet on the ground, half - folded. Join the vertical and horizontal poles by pushing the nails (located on the tip of the vertical poles) through the holes at the both ends of the horizontal pole.
2. Erect the poles ensuring that the vertical poles are perpendicular on the ground. Slip the inner sheet over the poles.

3. Start by securing the corner guylines. Aim and check that the peg, the corner of the inner sheet and the centre of the horizontal pole are in a straight line.



4. Hammer the pegs at 45 degrees to the ground. Keeping a distance of about 25 cm from the tent. Secure 1 end of the guyline on the sleeved hole using a bowline. Secure the other end of the guyline to the peg using a guyline hitch. The length of the guylines should be about 1.5 m long.



5. Secure the 4 corners of the inner sheet to the pegs, fastening pairs of diagonally opposite corner guylines at a time. Tie the 2 wall guylines after the 4 corners are secured.

6. Adjust the tension of all the guylines so that the surface of the inner sheet is tight and that the wall flaps are vertical and touching the ground.



7. Tie the 2 main guylines using a 2.5 m long guyline, using a clove hitch to secure them to the nails. The distance of a peg from the base of a vertical pole is would be the distance of the length of the vertical pole itself (about 3 pegs length). Secure the 2 main guylines using the same method as the corner and wall guylines.
8. Cover the outer sheet over the inner sheet. Secure the 4 corner guylines and the 2 wall guylines.
9. Unfold the ground sheet inside the tent and lay it flat. The ground sheet can be held down by tying the 4 corners to the pegs. The sides of the ground sheet may be folded if necessary.
10. Adjust the tension of all guylines. A well pitched tent should have a ventilation gap of about 15 - 20 cm (6 inches) between the inner and outer sheet.