

## DofE notes: tents!

1. Put it up at home before you go out!!! Check all bits are there. Look to see whether instructions are included.
2. Siting:
  - check there are no sharp objects
  - don't site under trees or very close to water
  - don't site at the bottom of the hill, but stay on a slight incline
  - the door should face away from the prevailing wind
3. Pitching:
  - peg down bags etc to stop them blowing away
  - Know whether the inner or outer (flysheets) is erected first
  - Put tents up with their zips closed
  - Put poles together as you PUSH them through (never pull!), then feed into eyelets (or clip in pegs)
  - Peg down at 45degrees perpendicular to the guy rope or material, use your hands, never your feet!
  - Usually the flysheet will be tied or clipped to the inner
  - Try to get it looking symmetrical
  - Ensure the inner wont touch the flysheet
  - If your tent has a rain top then don't forget to use it
  - Do bother with guide ropes
4. Tent Living:
  - Ensure you or your stuff don't push the inner onto the outer
  - Keep the tent ventilated to avoid condensation
  - DO NOT COOK IN THE TENT
  - Try to stay organised, usually you would keep your rucsac in the porch.
  - Tighten guy ropes as they become slack when damp
5. Packing away:
  - Before packing away remove all dirt/ grass
  - Leave NOTHING behind
  - Do not leave a wet tent in its bag for more than a day IT WILL GO MOULDY AND BECOME USELESS