

# SIERRA DESIGNS

## BENJARI 8



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**Your Sierra Designs  
BENJARI 8 tent is  
very easy to pitch and  
maintain. Follow these in-  
structions to pitch your tent  
quickly, safely and easily.**



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*\* Sierra Designs tents include stakes for pitching the body and fly under normal conditions. Additional stakes may be required in severe conditions.*

### First Pitch

In order to familiarize yourself with your new tent, we suggest that you grab a friend or relative and do a "test pitch" before you enjoy your outdoor adventure.

### Select a Site

Pitch the tent on a level area that is protected from wind and shaded from the sun, if possible. It is also important that the campsite drains well, in case of rain. Clear the area of debris such as sharp stones and sticks that might abrade or puncture the tent floor.

### Assemble the Poles

The *Benjari 8* comes with 4 poles for the body and 2 awning poles. The main pole is the pole with the "Spider Hub" (Figure 1, Pole A). Coming from the center of the hub will be 3 longer poles with prebends in them and 3 short poles. Assemble this pole first by carefully unfolding the

shock corded sections and allowing them to slide together. Do not snap the pole sections together, as this could damage the poles. Make certain that the insert for each pole section is fully inserted into the next pole section (Figure 2). Failure to do so may cause the poles to break. Once assembled place to the side. The 3 remaining body poles will be equal in length and have two bends in each pole, (Figure 1, Pole B). The last two poles are the shortest poles and they are for the awning should you decide to use it. Set these aside for later.

### Lay Out Tent Body

Unfold the tent body and lay flat on the ground so that the blue and grey rainfly is facing up. You will notice that the inner tents and main footprint are already attached to the rainfly. By having these parts pre-assembled it will make the initial set-up of your *Benjari 8* much easier. Spread the tent out so that you are able to find the "Hub Hook" (Figure 3) and the 3 "Vent Hooks" (Figure 4). These are located at the center of the tent (Figure 5, points A-D). Once you have located these 4 spots you will want to locate the 3 yellow stake out loops (Figure 5, points E, F, & G). If you are pitching this tent by yourself we suggest that you stake these 3 points down for an easier pitch.

### Erect the Tent

Start with the main pole which includes the "Spider Hub". Step one is to attach the "Hub Hook" to the loop on the underside of the "Spider Hub", followed by attaching the "Vent Clips" to the rings that are located on the end of the short poles. Now

Figure 1: Poles A & B

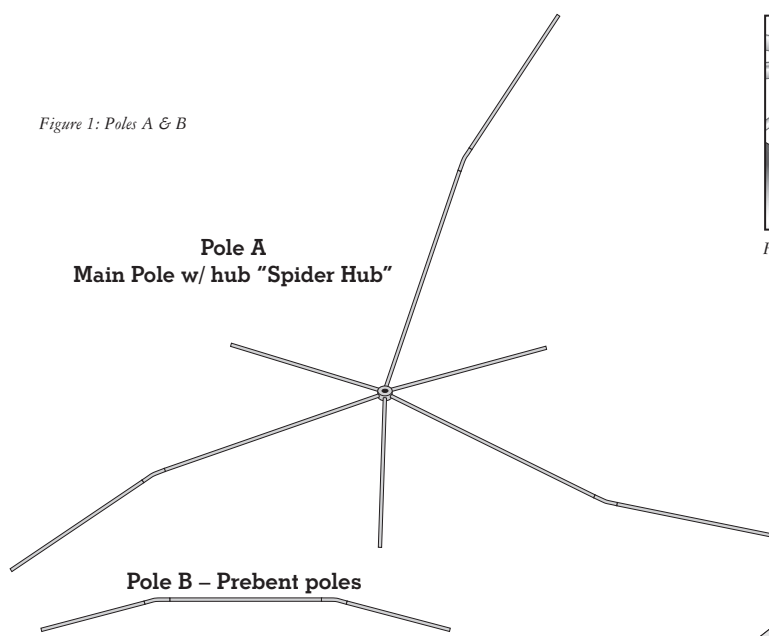


Figure 2: Correct Pole Assembly

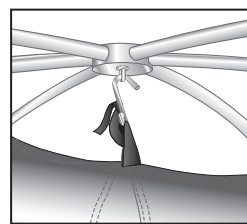
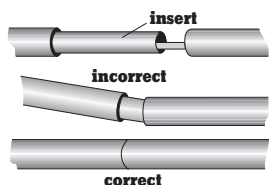


Figure 3: Hub Hook with Spider Hub

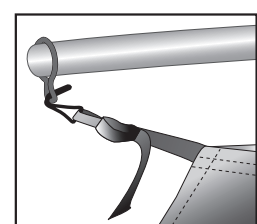


Figure 4: Vent Hook

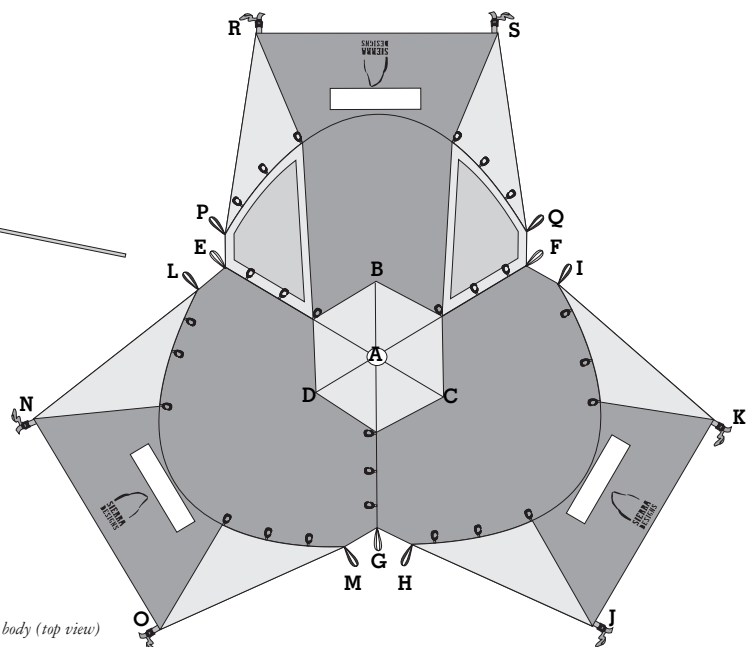


Figure 5: Tent body (top view)

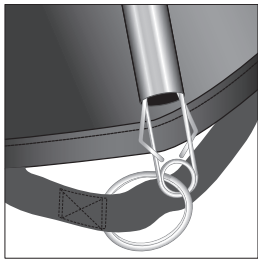


Figure 6: Spring Clip

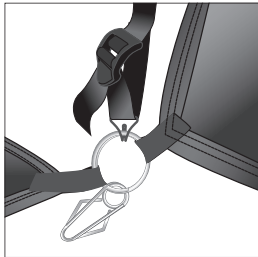


Figure 7: Fly Hooks

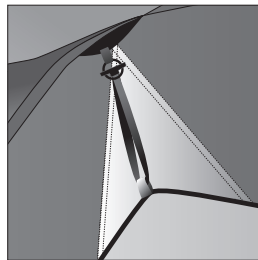


Figure 8: Toggle/Ring

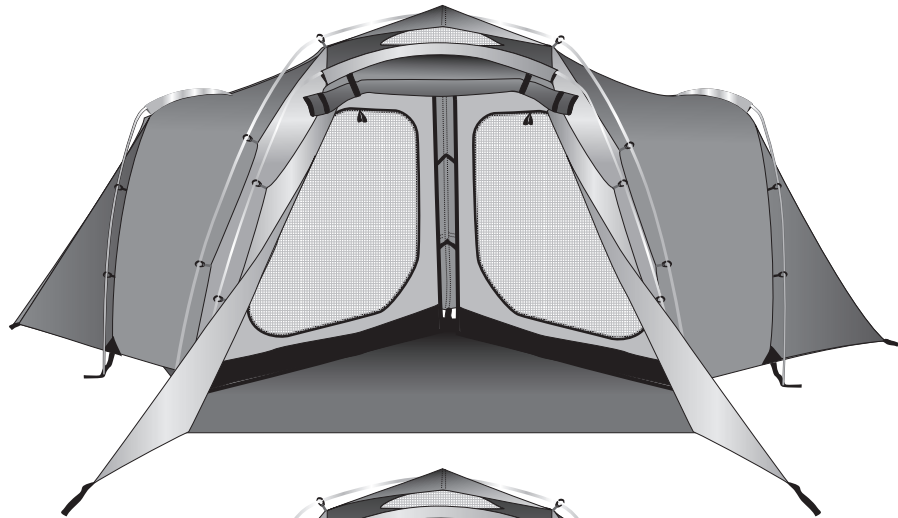


Figure 9: Tent with 2 rooms

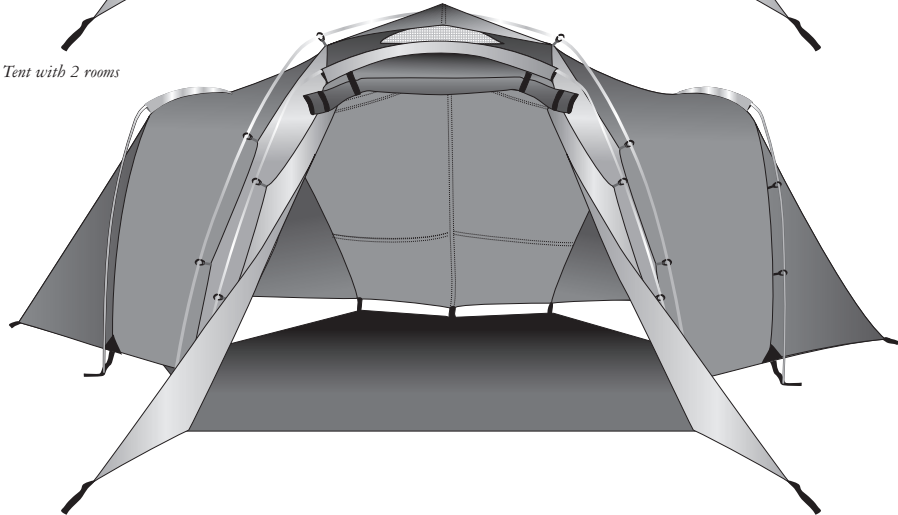


Figure 10: Tent with 2 rooms removed

take the end of one of the longer poles and insert the “Spring Clip” (Figure 6), attached to the yellow stake loops, to the end of the pole (Figure 5, points E, F, & G). Follow this step for the 2 remaining long sections of the main pole. Once these three steps are complete attach the Swift Clips, designated with yellow webbing, to their corresponding poles. You now have 3 main body poles left. Each one of these poles are equal in length and have 2 prebends in them, so it does not matter which pole you use. The vestibule and sleeping rooms have pole sleeves that the poles will need to be threaded through. Start by locating one of the six Navy Blue stake loops (Figure 5, point H, I, L, M, P, & Q). Thread the pole through the pole sleeve along the axis of points H & I and then insert the “Spring Clip” into the end of the pole tips. Attach the corresponding Swift Clips along the H – I axis. Once all the Swift Clips are attached you will want to stake out points H & I. While doing so, pull semi-taut away from point G & F and stake out. Next stake out points J and K. Repeat these steps for the L – M and P – Q axis. Your final steps are to work your way around the tent and make sure that all of the “Fly Hooks” (Figure 7) are attached to the Stake loop rings. There is 1 hook for each stake out loop. Once the “Fly Hooks” are attached to the stake loop rings work your way around the tent and adjust them to their desired tautness.

### Stake Out the Tent

By now your *Benjari 8* is fully staked out and pitched. We suggest that you work your way around the tent and make any necessary adjustments so that your tent has been pitched to its desired tautness.

### Inner Mesh Room Set-Up

Now that your *Benjari 8* is pitched and you have been able to view it from the inside you will notice that you have two sleeping rooms, a living area, and a vestibule area. You will also notice that the two sleeping rooms are removable. By having these two rooms removable it allows you various options for your *Benjari 8*, including but not limited to, 2 rooms in (Figure 9), 1 room in and 1 room out, 2 rooms out (Figure 10), etc. Included in your tent is a Mesh Inner room that can replace one of the sleeping rooms. In order to use the mesh inner you first must remove one of the sleeping rooms. To do this all you need

to do is unhook the “Toggle/Ring” (Figure 8) system and then unclip the “side-release” buckles on the floor. To insert the inner mesh room first locate the white toggles by the larger door. These designate the door that should face towards the center of the tent. They will also correspond with the white rings attached to the underside of the tent fly making the installation quick and easy. Once all the toggles (white and black) are attached you will need to attach the “side-release” buckles which are located on the lower corners of the mesh inner. Once the inner mesh tent is fully in place work your way around the tent adjusting the side-release buckles to your desired tautness.

### Awning Set-Up

In order to set-up the awning you will need the remaining 2 poles. On one of the ends of these poles is a thinner tip, which will face upwards towards the sky when used correctly. Start by unzipping any one of the tent fly doors. At the bottom of the doors you will notice a ring on each corner. Insert the tip of the pole into this ring. You will then need to use the provided guy lines to stabilize the awning by staking the guy cords to the ground.

### Ventilate the Tent

You have various options for ventilating your *Benjari 8*. The most effective way is to utilize the roof vents, along with the vestibule and rainfly doors. You will notice that the roof in the main living section of your tent there are 3 openings that allow for ventilation. There are also two zip down panels within the vestibule. These can be unzipped to increase the cross flow ventilation of the tent.

### Footprint Set-Up

There are 2 additional footprints included with your *Benjari 8*. They are designed to be used under the sleeping rooms. To attach them simply find the color coded webbing on the footprint, starting with the yellow webbing, and attach the side-release buckles to their corresponding mates that are located on the tent's stakeout loops. The footprints should be orientated so that the shiny (coated) side of the footprint is facing up.