

University of Alberta, Augustana: Tipi Guidelines (March 2016)

The tipi on the Augustana campus is meant to be a welcoming space that provides a traditional space for students, faculty, staff and community members. It is a place that holds spiritual and cultural value and can provide a venue for traditional ceremonies and private and group retreats. The following guidelines outline the proper care and use of the tipi on the Augustana Campus.

General activities

- ❖ Enter the tipi with quiet respect for the space itself and for others who might already be inside the tipi. Please avoid stepping on the canvas door or threshold as you enter.
- ❖ Once inside the tipi, the door can be left open (supported by the tie-downs), or closed. The door should be closed at the end of the day and overnight to prevent access by wildlife.
- ❖ Please limit the use of food in the tipi. If food is brought into the tipi, please remove any crumbs, spills or packaging to prevent attractants for animals.
- ❖ Smudging is allowed in the tipi; however, open fires and recreational smoking or the smoking of cigarettes are not. Please leave the door open after smudging to allow for fresh air to enter the tipi, and do not leave ignited traditional medicines unsupervised in the tipi and its vicinity.
- ❖ Please remove all trash from the tipi and deposit it in appropriate bins on campus.
- ❖ Please conduct noisy activities away from the tipi so as not to disturb those inside.
- ❖ Please do not conduct any activities in the space while intoxicated or under the influence of illicit drugs.
- ❖ Please do not tape anything on the walls of the tipi, or write or paint on any part of the tipi.
- ❖ Please do not sleep in the tipi overnight. It is not a form of overnight accommodation.
- ❖ When exiting the tipi, please avoid stepping on the canvas door or threshold.
- ❖ If there are any concerns about inappropriate conduct inside the tipi, please contact security services at: Protective Services Augustana Campus (Tel: 780-679-1555, Cell: 780-679-7571), Paladin Security after hours (780-563-0067), or Camrose Police Service (911).

Booking the tipi and special events

- ❖ Although the tipi is open for use by all members of the campus community, when there is a desire to use it for a special class or organized event, please book the tipi through Rom on MyWeb. For external requests, please contact the Aboriginal Students Office directly to ensure the tipi is available (780-679-1562, email: augustana.aso@ualberta.ca).
- ❖ When using the tipi for special events, please post a small sign outside the tipi to indicate such use.
- ❖ Please do not tape anything on the walls of the tipi or write or paint on any part of the tipi.
- ❖ Open fires are not allowed in the tipi at any time.
- ❖ Please limit the number of people inside the tipi to no more than 15 people at a time and plan your event accordingly.
- ❖ Once the event is over, please contact the Aboriginal Students Office (Tel: 780-679-1562, Email: augustana.aso@ualberta.ca) to confirm the completion of the event and to acknowledge that the tipi is in good condition. The tipi will be checked regularly by student volunteers and/or staff.