

Miskinawah Organization Chart

Elders tell us that the bottom of the tipi is the protective skirt, which is Mother Earth. So everything inside is about protection & shelter. The fire represents our life, our warmth and the fire inside, and the flap represent our grandfathers arms reaching up, with the smoke carrying our prayers to Creator.

Each pole has a significance and many teachings. The poles teach and remind us that no matter where we come from, Creator acknowledges us all as children, even though our beliefs may point in a different direction. One might say people are like these poles, each one pointing in a different direction and while we all need the support and strength of family and community, we accept that we all have different journeys and must choose our own paths.

