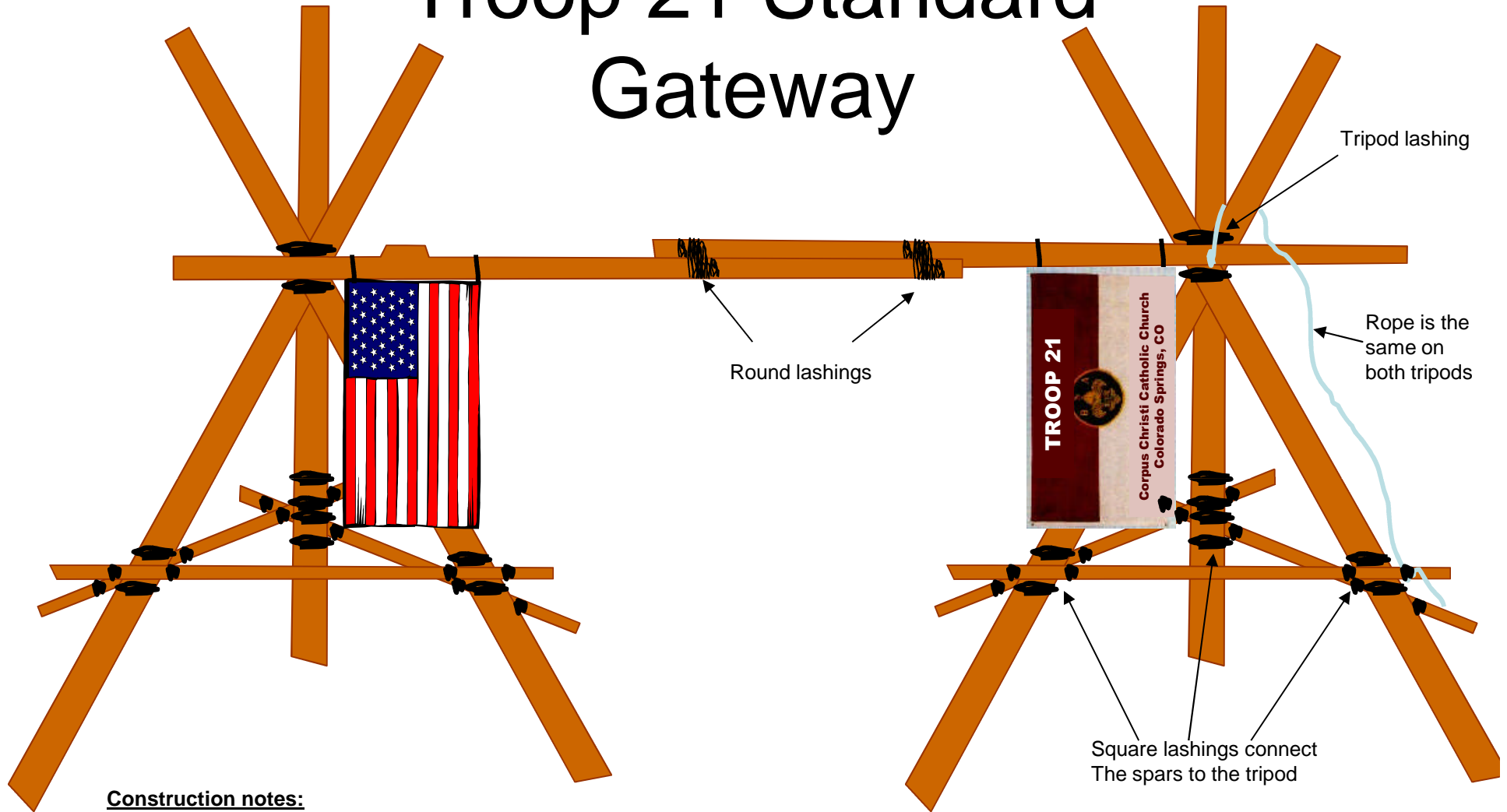


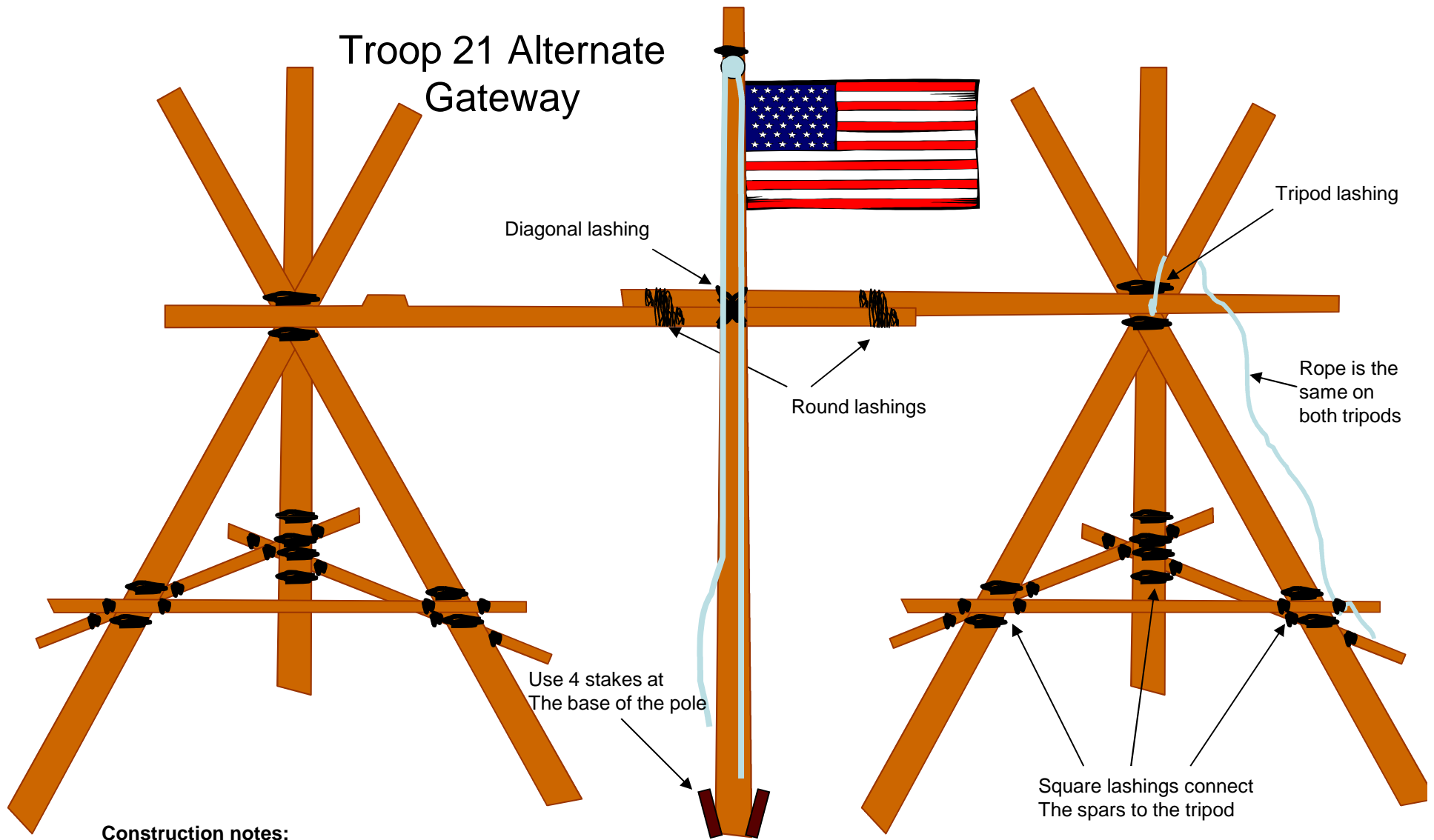
Troop 21 Standard Gateway



Construction notes:

Build the tripods first. Then, before raising the tripods, run a 3/8" rope through the top of the tripod, leaving enough slack to go to the ground (both ends). Raise the tripods, and finish tying cross-braces to the bottom of the tripods. Use round lashings to tie the two cross poles together (you want 2 poles so you can get some distance between the tripods). Tie the rope you looped through the top of the tripods to the cross poles. Using 2 scouts (one on each side), pull the cross pole up about 5' so you can tie the flags to the pole. Then raise the cross pole all the way to the top of the tripod and tie the rope off to one of the cross braces on each side. This way no one has to go up and put the cross pole on top. It is safe, and easy to put up and take down. With 4 scouts and a leader, this gateway can be built in about an hour and a half. You can also just hang 1 flag in the center instead of two.

Troop 21 Alternate Gateway



Construction notes:

Build as standard gateway. Instead of hanging flags on cross braces, use another pole to go between tripods for a flagpole. If you don't have one long enough, then use round lashings to make a flagpole. Attach a pulley to the top of the flagpole, and run rope through it. Raise the cross poles up about 3' up, and lay the flagpole against it. About 1/3 of the way down from the top of the flagpole (same height as the tripod lashings) lash the flagpole to the cross poles with a diagonal lashing. With scouts on the tripod pull ropes, and other scouts walking the flagpole up, pull the cross pole up to the top. Be sure to stake the flagpole in, because the wind and the flag will move the pole otherwise, and it will fall.