



**Hello All!  
Welcome to  
the Y.A.C.C.C  
Totem Pole!**

**We hope you  
enjoy its  
beauty!**

## **Hello everyone and I welcome you to my presentation and information page about the Y.A.C.C.C Totem Pole we have crafted**

This piece of art is inspired to us by the Totem Poles used in the Native American culture. If you wish to know why we decided to make this, please feel free to read below to find out just why our group decided to show off our artistic skills!

### **History and lore of the Totem Pole**

The Totem Poles have been in native American culture since...well the beginning. They were founded by the natives of the pacific North West. These works of art were made to represent many things including people and histories and many more types of things.

Though usually they were created out of red cedar, the wood that was mostly found in that area, these large Poles would be placed somewhere visible to the entire community.

Most Totem Poles will display animals or sometimes beings, these are used to mark a family's lineage. They were created not specifically to tell a story to people but rather to hold within documents of stories and histories of the community or specific members of that community. The animals that were typically represented on the Totem Poles were animals of the clan, most likely the animal that acted as the symbol of the clan like a wolf for example.

More wealthier families and tribes usually had more than just one crest, this is why many Totem Poles featured more than just one animal of the land. Many Natives of America to this very day hold ceremonies to celebrate the raising of Totem Poles within their community. It is something of importance to those of Native American blood and they care for these artifacts dearly.

It goes to show how people respect history and culture greatly, they will do what they must to preserve and protect the history these Poles hold. It is actually known throughout history how the Native American people have long fought against those who would harm their history and lands, this includes the Totem Poles that watch over their lands.

Many times it has been recorded how Clan/Tribal Chiefs have peacefully asked for people to respect the beautiful creations of a proud people, in order to continue on their prouder history.

### **Why we the Y.A.C.C.C group made a Totem Pole**

I myself am a believer in the spiritual, it is because of my beliefs I have followed many paths in history like that of the Native American people. The Totem Poles are used as a symbol to hold within history and also the memories of people, to document their stories. My name is Brendan Newman and I am proud to say that my group, the Y.A.C.C.C, are like a second family to me and I would not swap them out for anything in this world. I love all of them dearly, even those who do not believe they are truly part of the group because of their position (I am looking at you Sue, Mike, Marion, Sarah, Fraser and yes, even Bonnie) and all the other carers who have been there for us.

You are all like my family, I remember the first day I met you all and seeing how far we have come today. I could not be any more proud of us all.

You are all my Brothers and Sisters, my big crazy family. I wanted us all to make this Pole together and to create our own animal heads that will be placed on this Pole because I want us all to be remembered. This Totem Pole will hopefully stand for a good long time, maybe long after we are gone. If it does? Then it will carry on our history, it will show anyone who walks past it that a powerful group of people have come together and made something to show our history, show our stories in spirit.

This Totem Pole, this standing tower of history, will be our way of showing our power, it will be our pillar of the community that tells everyone that this is our home and this is where we stand. It is our beginning, it will forever be our home.

This Totem Pole will represent us and our history, it will show that no matter what obstacles came our way, we fought it and we overpowered it. It will forever remind us of our true strength and of our family. For family is by far the most important thing in this world and in this life. I can say with all of my happy heart that I am proud to be apart of this family we call Y.A.C.C.C.

Thank you all for reading, I hope you enjoy our Totem Pole. Have a good day and never forget about your family, never forget what you do will always be remembered.