

Station N°4: Family Life

Women worked very hard to make life comfortable. First of all, they made tepees. It was a women's job. They had to be very hard-working and they had great skills for it. Buffalo hides had to be scraped, softened, stretched, cut and sewn together. They needed an average of 18-20 buffalo hides for one tepee. Women also collected food like wild berries and plants to serve with meat. They had great skills in beadwork and quills, too.



The Indians lived in large family groups including all generations - young and old. A **child** called aunts and uncles "mother" and "father" as well as parents. They didn't go to school. They learnt by copying adults. Girls played with deer skin dolls and toy tepees and boys played with miniature arrows and bows.

By the age of 13 they learnt all they needed to become an active member of the tribe. They married young, 12-15 years old. Women usually had 3-4 children. The children were given a name by a respected older woman or man of the tribe.

