



Building Relationships

A Cohesive Family Unit

The organization and size of the Bright Angel site evolved through time. Building modifications reflect the needs of the people who lived here.

Site Tour

Room 7, a subterranean pithouse represents the earliest occupation (A.D. 1050 – 1060).

Rooms 3, 5, and 6 appear to have been built during the second site occupation (A.D. 1100 – 1140). **Room 6** probably originated as a shaded work area (ramada).

The erection of a wall dividing **Room 5** into two spaces (**Rooms 4 and 5**), and the remodeling of the shade ramada to an enclosed room (**Room 6**) took place sometime



Above: Hopi life in Walpi Village, circa 1905.

during the second occupation. The construction of **Room 8**, a kiva, also occurred during this time.

Rooms 2, 3, 5, and 6 are believed to have served as living spaces for the families who inhabited the site.

Room 4 appears to have been used as a storage space.

Room 8, the kiva, is architecturally different from the living spaces. Its subterranean position, separation from the living quarters, shape, and size all point to this being a ceremonial feature for the inner-canyon community.

Right: Typical of Puebloan villages past and present, the kiva structure (shown here) serves as the ceremonial hub of the larger complex.

