Park Party Basecamp Setup

Pack, haul, and arrange a wind-proof outdoor celebration

Master your outdoor setup with this single-trip pack-and-haul strategy. Group your essential gear to deploy a highly functional, wind-proof party zone in minutes.



Basecamp Metrics

Under 20 mins
Total basecamp setup time

36 in (91 cm)
Helium balloon landmark size

72 in (182 cm)
Standard wooden table length for sheet

2:1
Ratio of solid ice to drinks

20 lbs (9 kg)
Ice for wagon drink station

10 ft (3 m)
Distance downwind for trash hamper

Under 10 mins
Complete site tear-down time

Label Every Meal Box

Label each kraft paper meal box with a child's name using a bold marker to prevent mix-ups when they inevitably run off to play.

Trunk Loading & Setup Flow

1. **Pack the trunk** Place heavy serving tubs deepest, meal boxes on top, and the wagon and hamper at the latch.
2. **Haul the gear** Deploy the wagon immediately, keeping the heaviest items centered over the rear axle to prevent tipping.
3. **Anchor the zone** Tie the balloon to a structural post and stretch the fitted sheet over the main dining surface.
4. **Prep the seating** Use wet wipes on picnic benches to dissolve sticky tree sap and clear hidden spider webs.
5. **Streamline tear-down** Pack dirty dishes into sealed tubs and pull the sheet's elastic corners inward to trap crumbs

Pack-and-Haul Checklist

- [ ] Folding canvas wagon for transport
- [ ] Standard twin fitted sheet in bright color
- [ ] Collapsible mesh laundry hamper
- [ ] 30-gallon trash bags for hamper
- [ ] Heavy-duty trash bag for wagon cooler
- [ ] Clear plastic tub for backup supplies
- [ ] Heavy glass vases and dense flowers

Site Checks Before Unpacking

- ○ Observe how the breeze moves through the open pavilion structure.
- ○ Position heaviest serving pieces on the windward edge as a barricade.
- ○ Arrange meal boxes in a neat geometric grid on the windward side.

Per-Guest Party Quantities

Kids	Pre-assembled kraft meal boxes	Accessible kid juice boxes
10	10 boxes	10 drinks
15	15 boxes	15 drinks
20	20 boxes	20 drinks

Pack meals tightly to protect portions from insects and wind.

Choose Your Landmark Post

Find your row: **Post Location**

Post Location	Your pick	Why
Windward Corner	High Guest Visibility	Excellent wind protection
Center Aisle	Medium Guest Visibility	Moderate wind protection
Leeward Corner	Low Guest Visibility	Poor wind protection

Party Details & Guest List

Enjoy the fresh air and sunshine while your smart setup handles the rest!