

Lander Homecoming Tailgate Guidelines & Tips – Alumni Edition

A signature tradition of every Lander Homecoming is **Saturday tailgating**! This is the perfect chance for alumni to reconnect with friends, fellow graduates, and current students while enjoying great food, fellowship, and pre-game fun on the campus front lawn.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, all alumni participants are asked to follow these guidelines:

Schedule

- **Set-up:** 8:00 AM
- **Tailgate begins:** 10:00 AM
- **All spaces must be cleared:** 5:00PM
- **Location:** Lot 6 & Lot 10, right beside Lide – Look for Alumni Tailgate Signs

Tailgating Spaces

- Space is **first come, first served** for alumni groups.
- Only alumni organizations and Homecoming teams may use designated tent and table spaces.

Tents

- Free-standing tents are welcome.
- Tents **may not be staked into the ground**.
- Non-free-standing tents must be properly weighed down.

Food and Grilling

- Alumni may bring their own food.
- Grills are allowed **only on pavement**.

Music

- The University will have music playing throughout campus. You're welcome to play your own music, but please **keep the volume respectful** for neighboring tailgates.

Water & Electricity

- Please plan accordingly, as the University **cannot provide water or electricity hookups** at the tailgate area.

Student & Alumni Connections

- Collegiate chapters and student organizations will host **separate** tailgates on the **left side of the parking lot**. We encourage alumni to stop by, mingle with students, and share in the Lander spirit!

Policies & Safety

- All local, state, and federal laws, as well as University policies, must be followed.
- Individuals not following policies may be **escorted from campus** by Lander University Police.
- **No smoking, vaping, or tobacco products** are allowed on campus.
- Alcohol may be present at the event for alumni and may only be consumed by individuals who are 21 years of age or older, in accordance with all applicable laws and University policies

University Approval

- All tailgating plans are subject to Lander University's approval. Policies may be adjusted to ensure the **safety of participants** and the **protection of university property**.

Helpful Tailgating Tips

- Arrive early to secure your preferred spot and allow plenty of setup time.
- Bring foldable chairs, tables, and umbrellas or canopies for comfort.
- Use trash and recycling bins to help keep the area clean.
- Bring games or activities like cornhole or footballs to engage fellow alumni and students.
- Clearly label your coolers, chairs, and other gear.
- Stay hydrated and check the weather forecast — bring jackets, hats, or rain gear as needed.
- Respect your neighbors by keeping music and activities at a considerate volume.