

GREAT TAILGATING AT HOME

with simple swaps

Tailgating picnics with family and friends are a hallowed autumn rite in many communities. And serving up delicious food makes game day even more memorable. Luckily, it's easy to streamline your efforts so you can spend more time cheering and less time cooking. Use these smart food strategies to show off your team spirit.

No time to prepare the tailgate feast of your dreams? No problem! You can have it all if you focus on the right menu and recipe ideas. Adopt an approach that incorporates convenience foods and your own creative twists. And don't worry: With these insider ideas your family and friends will never know you took a few easy shortcuts to tailgating success.



STORE-BOUGHT SHORTCUTS

Game day is hectic enough without factoring in complicated food prep. Classic tailgating fare, such as pulled pork, burgers, wings and nachos, is time-consuming to prepare from scratch. But you can beat the buzzer by starting with pre-prepped ingredients. Try using LLOYD'S® Seasoned Shredded Chicken in Original BBQ Sauce or LLOYD'S® Seasoned Shredded Pork in Original BBQ Sauce in your favorite barbeque sandwich recipe. To reduce cooking time, pick up a package of hamburger patties instead of bulk ground beef, or precooked sausage instead of raw. Tuck rotisserie chicken into chicken salad, and try drained canned beans for your favorite bean dips.

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High-flavor condiments can transform basic fare into special-event eats. To make a spread of burgers and hot dogs more intriguing, set up a build-your-own toppings bar. Keep traditionalists happy with familiar favorites such as mustard, ketchup, cheese and relish. Then toss in a few surprises, perhaps chutney, chili sauce and hummus.

FINISH LINE FINESSE

Dessert is a key ingredient in any successful tailgate and can be a great canvas for showing off your team spirit. Bake or buy a batch of cupcakes and decorate them with icing in team colors. Pipe some rah-rah messages—"Go Team!" ... "Touchdown!" ... "Score!"—onto brownies or blondies. Festoon tiny paper bunting with your team's name and use it to decorate a platter of cookies. Make it all even easier by simply placing purchased treats into colorful cupcake liners or on serving trays. Or ask friends to bring their favorite pregame dishes for a delicious potluck.



Take game-day eats to the next level with LLOYD'S® Barbeque Ribs, an easy way to impress the entire tailgate.

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