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# DANNY RECOMMENDS: FIRST TIME GUEST TENT

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*Every so often we dip our toes into a series called **Danny Recommends**, posts that tip you off to the stuff that I...you know. The recommendations might be products for use in your ministry, resources that will help you develop leaders around you, or just fun stuff that you need. Want. Whatever. Check books and such over at the [Reading List](#), but these posts will go into further detail. For other posts in the series, check out the link at the bottom.*

In a [recent post](#) I talked about six reasons you need a First Time Guest Tent. But how do you get started? What resources and vendors are out there?

First, a word on your two variables: cost and permanence. Your budget may not allow you to start with all of the items below. That's okay. Start somewhere. As you create a guest-friendly experience, you might be surprised to find that the budget will follow. If you are a mobile church, the resources below will be especially helpful for you (and therefore, probably the least expensive options). If your budget and location allows it, I would consider subbing in some cabinetry on wheels for your supply table.

This is our typical setup for a tent. Your needs may vary.

**The tent.** We use the [10 x 10 Majestic](#), four-sided print from [KD Kanopy](#). Their products are surprisingly durable and will last for several years if you take care of them (i.e., don't leave them outside all week). Don't forget [sandbags](#) for weight.

**Supply table.** I recommend a [four foot adjustable-height table from Lifetime](#). Adjust to full height (36") and top it with a [spandex cover from Premier Table Linens](#) (get the "open back" option).

**Supply drawers.** We use a very simple set of [plastic drawers on wheels](#), slid under the table, out of the way.

**Pub tables** (for guests to use while filling out information). We're huge fans of [MityLite's](#) products, and use their 30" round, 42" tall scissor-leg model. (Don't forget to drape them with [spandex from Premier](#).) We use three per tent...contact the folks at [MityLite](#) for a quote.

**Heating / cooling.** Keep your volunteers comfortable. We've used various models of heaters. [This one](#) clips to the underside of the tent frame (get the [bracket](#)), and [this one](#) attaches to a free standing propane tank (but may be a bit riskier). [This fan](#) puts out a great breeze.

**Additional signage.** Because the tent is emblazoned on all four sides with "FIRST TIME GUEST? STOP HERE.", the tent is our sign. However, if we end up moving inside because of severe weather, we typically have to ditch the tent (depending on lobby space) and we'll use [this model from Signicade](#).

**First Time Guest bags.** What good is a FTG tent without something to give away? [See our full list here](#).

**Miscellaneous.** Run through the rest of your needs: clipboards, ink pens, extension cords, etc., and launch well!