

Shade tarps over tents, 2006



Tents with a low profile and a rain fly that reaches close to the ground are optimal for this sometimes windy basin



In the shade at midday



The shade tarp was suboptimal in the first two summers



Tents placed on N of hardpan & E of road, in 1999



Common westerly view from the study site



Annual ritual of digging postholes for the shade tarp



Adjusting
post height



Initial stage of camp set-up



Digging the post-holes for the shade tarp



Starting to set up the shade tarp



Early-mid stage of shade-tarp set up



Late-mid stage of shade tarp set up



Holding pole against rope tightening on the other side of shade tarp



**Note the corner construction
of the shade tarp**



Tightening the pole support rope; notice the poles have been inserted in narrow cylindrical holes



Many things are hung from the bungees that tighten the tarp



Note the design of this heavily used shade tarp



Jenny Hauer organizing the food larder



View of camp from the E



The cooking and dishware cleaning set-up at camp



Field camp in 2003



**Note the coolers behind Wendell;
off the ground, on crates**



Josh Jones (2006) hanging his gear on the SE corner post of the shade tarp; note the water cooler is in the setting sunlight



Water coolers migrate along the margins of the shade tarp; notice water coolers are on E side of shade tarp late in the day



**The camp is just E of the road to Borax Lake and
at the S end of a large patch of hardpan**



**Wendell Bunche often cooked breakfast
for the early risers, in 2006**



An active camp just after sundown



Dinner is almost ready!



Rain & hail can occur in the Alvord Basin



The camp as the rainwater recedes



**Setting up the
portable
weather station**



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Fields Station, 1999



**Sometimes
our visitors
to the camp
that stay at
the motel
rather than
pitch a tent**



**We get our
water from
a hose at
Fields
Station**



**We
buy ice
from
Fields Station
almost
every day**



One of a variety of shower options at camp



**About
300m W
of camp
is the
latrine**

