



ZOMBIE KIDS ROCK!

A GUIDE TO PLAY IN AN APOCALYPSE

The complete Outpost 40 field manual for building a fortified courtyard play hub — swing set, slide, and sandbox — plus the household rules that keep recess from turning into an incident report.

OUTPOST 40 // PLAY DIVISION

WELCOME TO THE SAFE ZONE

The world outside the wall may be short on skyscrapers with all their windows intact, but it is not short on childhood. **Zombie Kids Rock** is your household's guide to giving kids a real playground — a proper swing set, a slide, and a sandbox — right in the middle of a fortified courtyard. Every plank is salvage-rated, every bracket is over-built, and every rule in Phase 3 exists so the grown-ups can enjoy their coffee instead of a headcount.



Field photo — Outpost courtyard, dusk watch rotation. Laughter carries; plan the acoustic discipline accordingly.

REQUIRED SALVAGE SUPPLIES

INTEGRATED STRUCTURE MATERIAL CHECKLIST

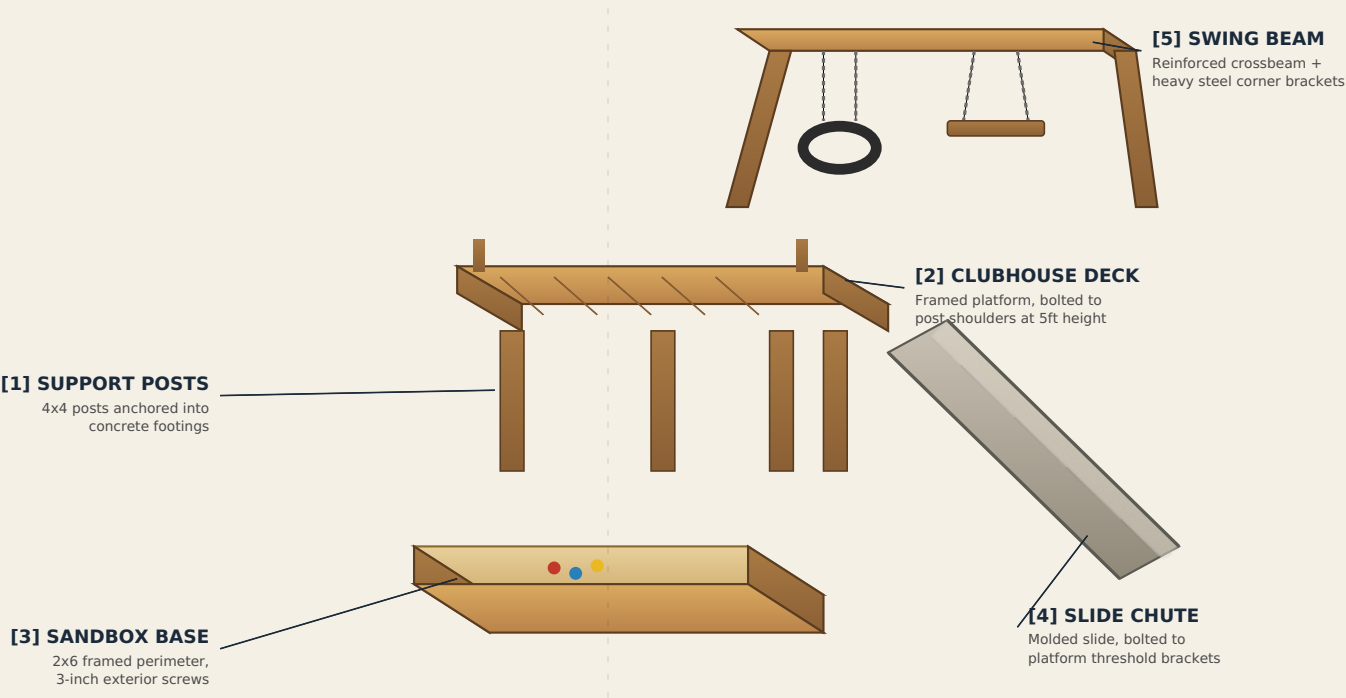
- **8x** untreated 4x4 timber posts, 8ft length — main tower support
- **12x** untreated 2x6 timber boards — framing, decking, and sandbox base
- **4x** heavy steel corner brackets, post anchors, and 3-inch exterior wood screws
- **1x** molded slide chute, **2x** swing seats with tow straps and swivel eye-bolts
- **1x** tire swing (repurposed, inspected for dry-rot before hanging)
- Concrete mix for post footings, plus a level — a crooked tower is a loud tower

BEFORE YOU BREAK GROUND

- Pick a build site inside the inner fence line, away from gates and blind corners
- Confirm no dig-line hazards — old rebar and buried salvage are common in reclaimed lots
- Stage all materials at night; a lit work site by day draws less attention than a lit one after dark



3D EXPLODED VIEW SCHEMATIC — DWG NO. ZKR-004



Assemble top to bottom along the dashed centerline. Torque every bracket bolt to spec before first play.

DON'T GET BIT — PLAY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

RULES OF THE YARD

- **Two-Grownup Rule:** No unattended play. One adult watches the kids, one watches the wall — swap at the timer, not by feel.
- **Inside-the-Fence-Line Only:** The play hub stays inside the inner perimeter, never within reach of the gate or the wire.
- **Quiet Hours After Dusk:** Save the shouting for daylight. Noise after dark is the one thing that reliably finds you.
- **Horn Means Freeze:** Any alarm or horn signal — everyone drops the toys and walks, not runs, to the fallback point.
- **Buddy System on the Slide:** One kid on the ladder at a time; the top of the tower is not a lookout post, no matter how good the view.



Even behind the wall, the rules are what keep playtime being playtime.

PHASE 4

PLAYGROUND HAZARD CHECKLIST

FEATURE	COMMON MISHAP	RISK	FIX
Slide Ladder	Loose rungs, kids climbing two at a time	MODERATE	Re-check rung bolts weekly; one climber at a time rule.
Swing Chains	Pinch points at the seat attachment	MODERATE	Use covered chain sleeves or rope in place of bare links.
Sandbox Edge	Splinters from untreated board edges	LOW	Sand all exposed edges; cap corners with rounded trim.
Ground Cover	Hard-packed dirt under the slide exit	MODERATE	Lay a salvaged rubber-mulch bed at all landing zones.
Fence Sightline	Play hub sightline crosses the gate approach	LOW	Angle the swing beam away from the gate line entirely.

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE

- Walk every bolt and bracket by hand — a squeak today is a repair tomorrow
- Check the tire swing rope or chain for fraying before the weekend rush
- Top up the sandbox after windstorms; salvage sand blows away faster than you'd think



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Because even at the end of the world, kids still need a slide, a sandbox, and someone watching the gate.