

Tolbert Scheduled Cookoffs Chili Cookoff Schedule of Events Updated 12/05/2025

REMEMBER TO CHECK with the Cookoff promoter, Facebook (Tolbert Terlingua Chili Group Information OTICCC, Central Texas Tolbert Chili Group or CASTOLICS) or Tolbert web site, for last minute cancellations and newly scheduled cookoffs.

DEC 6, LOCKHART, TX – Second Annual John Reynolds Memorial BBQ & Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: VFW Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping, no hookups. Limited space for the Campers. LSBS sanctioned BBQ, mandatory Cooks Meeting 5:00 to 5:30pm. Friday turn ins: Margarita-6:00pm, Salsa-6:30pm, Cooks Choice-7:00pm. Saturday turn ins: Beans (must start with Dry Pinto beans)-11:00, Chicken-Noon, Ribs (must be Pork Spare ribs)-1:30, Chili-2:00, Brisket-3:00. See www.lonestarbarbecue.com to register or more info. Chili Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

DEC 6 TERLINGUA, TX - Honky Tonk Holiday Christmas Market and Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Claude Luke Dudley Musicians Fund. Location: Frontier Roadhouse, 51430 State Hwy 118, Alpine, next to the American Legion. Watch for the event signage. Primitive camping is available. Music starts after announcements. Registration 9:00 to Noon. Turn in: 2:00. Entry fees: \$20. Announcements scheduled for 5:00. Music starting at 6:00. Info: Frontierland Partners 432-371-2425 or Missy Walker 903-422-5670 or 432-371-2425.

JAN 10, PORT O'CONNOR, TX - Josie's Chili & Gumbo Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBD. Location: Josie's Mexican Food and Cantina, 610 Adams Ave. No space for RV's on site. Silent & Live Auctions, Raffle. Turn in: Bloody Mary's -11:00, Gumbo, Noon, Jackpot Beans (1st place receives ½ of entry fees)-1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Bloody Mary: \$5, Gumbo, Beans & Chili: \$20 per category. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

JAN 17, LOCKHART, TX – VFW Post 8927 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 8927. Location: Post 8927 at, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping available, no hookups. Cash payouts (BBQ entries only) based on number of entries. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10:00, Chicken-11:00, Open Meat-Noon, Jackpot Beans (1/2 entry fees to 1st winner)-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Bloody Mary-\$5, Open Meat & Jackpot Beans: \$20 each, Chili-\$25 each, BBQ entries -\$35 per categories. Post 512-398-4942, Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

JAN 31, MAXWELL, TX – 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Paws Shelter of Central TX. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. Dry camping available/no hook ups. Live music, DJ or Karaoke after awards are announced. Turn in: Salsa-Noon, Jackpot Beans (half of entry fees back to 1st place)-1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Salsa-\$5, Beans-\$20, Chili-\$25. Info: Tavern's 512-357-6476. Cookoff info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave message please).

FEB 28, LULING, TX – 23rd Annual American Legion Post 177 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Little Ones. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Friday night: Turn in: Open Meat 6:30. Dessert 7:30, Margaritas 8:30. Entry fees: Margarita-\$5, Open Meat-\$25, Dessert-\$20. Saturday Turn in: Bloody Mary's 11:00, Chicken Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili 2:00, Ribs 3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fee: Bloody Mary's \$5, Beans-\$20, Chili & BBQ categories-\$25 per entry. Payout on BBQ entries based on # of entries. 50/50 raffle. Silent & Live Auctions. Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAR 12, TERLINGUA, TX – Big Bend Wildlife and Wine Festival. Benefits: Big Bend Citizens Alliance. Location: Site of OTICCC's November cookoff. The festival is being held during Spring Break week, the 10th thru 12th. With the cookoff Thursday. **Pending Details.** Info: KaciKothmann@yahoo.com

MAR 14, MCGREGOR TX –Tolbert Texas Men's State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund, hosted by the American Legion. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. **Pending details.** Top 3 Texas chili residents qualify for 2026 OTICCC. Info: Jim Schlieper emails: schlieperj@yahoo.com

MAR 21 – KILLEEN, TX – Sons of American Legion Post 223 Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion charities. Location: Post 223, 208 S Park St. Camping, no hookups available starting Friday, no access to building until Saturday morning. Turn in: Beans-11:00, Ribs-Noon, Chili-1:00. Brisket-2:00. Entry fees: Beans-\$10, Chili-\$20,

Brisket & Ribs-\$15 per category. Info: Cookoff Chairman: Jeff Wilson call or text 254-214-5413 or Facebook page: American Legion Post 223

MAR 28, BASTROP/ROCKNE, TX –VFW Post 2527 Chili & BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 2527. Location: Rockne VFW, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop, TX. Limited (10) Electrical hookups-\$20 per night, also No Hookup camping allowed. Auction & 50/50 Raffle. Turn in: Bloody Mary-10:00, Margaritas-10:30, Chicken-11:00, Open Meat-Noon, Jackpot Beans (payout per # of entries)-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00. Entry fees: Drinks-\$5 each, Chili & Chicken, Ribs & Brisket-\$25 per category, Beans & Open Meat-\$20 per category. Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text 512-627-5980

APR 11, ROSANKY, TX – Snake Prairie Chili Jam 5. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Snake Prairie, 10 minutes south of Bastrop on Hwy. 304 (map location: 2467 Hwy. 304 Smithville, TX 78957.) Camping, no hookups. **No Pets Allowed. Pending details.** See <http://www.snakeprairie.com/chilijam> for site rules. Info: Laurie Rector McCowan 512-718-8677 (call or text) or erikmccowan@yahoo.com

APR 11, WOODWAY, TX – Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: CHANGED THIS YEAR, 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shriner Campground, limited hookups, contact 254-709-3557 for camping reservations & cookoff info. RV Rates: Shriner-\$15 per night, Non-Shriner-\$20 per night. Open to all cooks. Friday night Campfire party, 50/5- Drawing, Raffle Basket Dring, Goodie bags to 1st 30 entries. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Beans-Noon, Chili-2:00pm. Entry fee: Beans-\$10 (cash payout), Chili-\$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

APR 12, WOODWAY, TX – Ides of March Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shriner Campground, see Saturday listing for details. Turn in: Chili-Noon. Entry fee: \$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

APR 18, MARTINDALE, TX 19th Dam Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: San Marcos Youth Services Bureau "YSB" (www.ysb.org.) Location: The old Cotton Gin, 204 Main St. Limited space, 50+ teams, need to pre-register early to be assured of a spot. **Pending Details.** Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff. Info: Shaun Shaver, shaunshaver@gmail.com

APR 25, CORSICANA, TX—48th Annual Derrick Days Cookoff – 50th Annual for the weekends event. TOLBERT. Benefits: Local charities. Location: Downtown, 100 N Main Street (Block square bordered by N Main, W Collin, N 12th and 5th.) Overnight campers must pre-register online. **Pending Details.** Info: www.derrickdays.com or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or DebWayET@outlook.com See web site for chili, brisket and site rules at: www.derrickdays.com.

APR 25, LULING, TX –American Legion Post 177 Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Friday night: **Pending Details.** Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAY 15-16, BENBROOK, TX – VFW Post 10429 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW charities. Location: VFW Post 10429, 1000 Stevens Dr. **Pending Details.** Info: VFW 817-249-6470 or Lynn Toomer 817-719-6648, Facebook page: Benbrook VFW & Auxiliary 10429

2026 Terlingua Championship Week

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX – 10th Annual Tolbert / Mild Bill's International Verde Cookoff. Benefits: ALS. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com.

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX - World's Championship Margarita Mix-Off. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Must pay to judge. **Pending details.** Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX - Very Last Chance for 2025 Championship. TOLBERT. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Cooks cannot be qualified for the 2026 OTICCC Championship. The top 10 winners qualified to compete in the Saturday Championship. **Pending details.** Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or DebWayET@outlook.com.

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX – 38th Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 44th Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 34th Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 15th Annual Jimmy Doherty Memorial Salsa Contest. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Info: BBQ Chairman, Joe Dabbert dabbert21@gmail.com.

NOV 7, TERLINGUA, TX – 59th Annual Original Terlingua International Frank X. Tolbert - Wick Fowler Memorial Championship. Chili Cookoff. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Must be qualified to cook to compete. Cooks participating in OTICCC may receive 2 armband per household. Info on Chili Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or www.abowlofred.com