

Tolbert Scheduled Cookoffs Chili Cookoff Schedule of Events Updated 2/4/2026

CANCELLED 1/24 by Chairman—FEB 14, TERLINGUA AREA, TX – The Longhorn Love Inn. TOLBERT. Benefits: Claude Luke Dudley Musician's Fund. Location: Longhorn Ranch Motel, Info: Becky Kay 432-386-6501 or beckykay321@gmail.com

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, 22970 FM 170. The festival is being held during Spring Break week, the 10th thru 12th. With the cookoff Thursday. Live music, wine, camping, Star Party, learn about local wildlife native to the area. Cooks meeting & cup pickup Noon. Turn in: 4:00, awards approx. at 5:30. Prepay for One (\$25) or 3 Day (\$70) Passes or Camping (\$75 for 9th-13th) see <https://bigbendspringbreak.com/> Info: KaciKothmann@yahoo.com or 325-456-5983

MAR 13, McGREGOR TX – Friday Night Points only Cookoff. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Turn in: Chili - 7:00 PM. Entry fee: \$15. See flyer for latest details. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com or Tom Stephens 512-554-5398

MAR 14, McGREGOR TX – Tolbert Texas Men's State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Top 3 Texas Men chili residents qualified for 2026 OTICCC. Turn in: Beans: 1:00, Chili: 2:00. Entry: Beans: \$10, Chili: \$30. See flyer for latest details. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com or Tom Stephens 512-554-5398

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 27-28, MINERAL WELLS, TX –VFW Post 2399 Annual Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Homeless Vets /Veterans Assistance Program. Location: 1400 Veterans of Foreign Wars St. NEW WEEKEND. Camping no hookups on East side of parking lot, with extra parking on west side if needed. Top 3 winners in each event to receive an award to take home, 4th & 5th will be recognized, as will Chili winners 6th thru 10th winners. Friday night Hors Devours competition, turn in 9pm.. Entry fee \$20, winner takes the pot. Trophies for the top 3 in each category, recognition for 4th & 5th in all categories and 6th thru 10th for chili. Saturday Cooks Meeting & Registration: 9. Details to follow. Info: Facebook page Palo Pinto Memorial Post 2399.

MAR 28, ROCKNE/BASTROP, TX –VFW Post 2527 Chili & BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 2527. Location: Rockne VFW, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop (use address to search for directions, south of Bastrop). 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, ALVARADO, TX – Spring VFW Post 9299 Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 9299 programs for their Veterans & Youth. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Camping, no hookups. No BBQ competition. **Pending Details.** Info: Call or Text Terry 214-537-1725 Referee: Tracie Frink

APR 11, LULING, TX 36th Annual Roughneck Chili & BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Oil Museum. Location: 421 E Davis St. Downtown around blocks 200 to 500. IBCA sanctioned BBQ. BBQ cooks should Pre-register at www.lulingoilmuseum.org (see: Event Submission.) Categories: Chili, Chicken, Pork Spareribs, Brisket. **Pending Details.** Info: Ashley Flores 830-875-1922 or ashley@luling.org or Chili Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

APR 11, ROSANKY, TX—CANCELLED FOR 2026 – WILL RETURN 2027—Snake Prairie Chili Jam 5.

APR 11, WOODWAY, TX – Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. LOCATION: CHANGED THIS YEAR, Waco Karem Shrine Campground, 400 Karem Circle. Limited hookups, Bill Cadola for camping reservations. RV Rates: Shriner-\$15 per night, non-Shriner-\$20 per night. Goodie bags to 1st 30 entries, 50/50 Drawing, Raffle Prizes. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Jackpot Pinto Beans)-Noon, Chili-2:00pm. Entry fee: Beans-\$10 - (100% to top 3), Chili-\$20. Also Sunday Chili cookoff. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

APR 12, WOODWAY, TX – Sunday Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: Waco Karem Shrine Campground, 400 Karem Circle. See Saturday listing for more details. Turn in: Chili-Noon. Entry fee: \$20. Info: Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola 254-709-3557 or 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, opens in early February. Entry fee: \$60, includes either T-shirt or Apron. **Pending Details.** Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff. Info: Shaun Shaver, shaunshaver@gmail.com

APR 17-18, WEATHERFORD, TX - Spring Fling Chili & BBQ Cookoff VFW Post 4746. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post charities. Location: 224 Zion Hill Rd. Camping area & limited hookups for \$15 per day first come, first served. **Pending Details.** Info: Facebook: Friends of VFW Post No. 4746 R.D. Nelson Memorial, at Post Randy Wilkinson 307-321-1833 or judging Traci 214-460-7610 Call or Text

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 (Opening in March.) **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 –Brazilian Open Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Top 3 Chili chili winners automatically qualified for the 2026 Championship (if cookoff has at least 25 cooks.) Friday night Turn ins: Margarita's: 6:30pm, Open Meat – 7:30pm, Dessert-8:30pm. Entry fees: Margarita-\$5, Open Meat-\$25, Dessert-\$10. Saturday turn ins: Chicken-Noon, Jackpot Beans-1:00pm, Chili-2:00pm, Ribs-3:00pm, Brisket-\$25-4:00pm. Entry fees: Chili, Beans-\$20 each, BBQ Meats-\$25 each. Booze Wagon Raffle. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

MAY 1, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND TX – Chili On the Bay - Friday. Benefits: TBA. Location: KOA Campground, 1 Padre Blvd. (Reservations: Ask for Tolbert Chili Rates, deadline for site registration March 5th. 1-800-562-9724 or Info 956-761-5665 for RV& tent sites plus Deluxe Cabins.) Chili cookoff with Friday night turn in. Also Saturday cookoff. Registration 6:00 PM, Turn in: Chili 7:00 PM, Margaritas 7:30 PM. Info: Debbi Tucker 512-294-4097 or debbi_tucker@yahoo.com or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or bcenter@gmail.com

MAY 2, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND TX – Chili On the Bay. Benefits: TBA. Location: KOA Campground, 1 Padre Blvd. (Reservations: 1-800-562-9724 or Info 956-761-5665 for RV& tent sites plus Deluxe Cabins.) Also Friday night chili cookoff. Registration: 10:00 AM. Turn in: Salwa-Noon, Jackpot Pinto Beans-1:00 PM, Chili-2:00 PM. Info: Debbi Tucker 512-294-4097 or debbi_tucker@yahoo.com or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or bcenter@gmail.com

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

MAY 16, ROCKNE/BASTROP, 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. **Pending details**. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text 512-627-5980

MAY 30 - MAXWELL, TX - 35th Tolbert Texas State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. Dry camping available/no hook ups. **Pending Details**. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave message please).

SEPT 11-12, WEATHERFORD, TX –VFW Post 4746 Smokin Guns Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post charities. Location: 224 Zion Hill Rd. Camping area & limited hookups for \$15 per day first come, first served. **Pending Details**. Info: Chairman Jim Horn 830-822-259. Facebook: Friends of VFW Post No. 4746 R.D. Nelson Memorial

SEPT 25-26, BRACKETTVILLE, TX—Kenny County Prickly Pear Festival. Location: TBA. Benefits: TBA. The event is in the planning stage so **Pending Details**. Info: Cindy Hayter 503-929-5711 or cshayter@gmail.com

2026 Terlingua Championship Week – details due in late summer

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. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 6, TERLINGUA, TX - Very Last Chance for 2026 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. 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. Rules and schedule on www.abowlfred.com under Resources.

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 monas@petroleumcollege.com. Cookoff Info: abowlfred@gmail.com or www.abowlfred.com