

## Tolbert Cookoff list – As of March 31, 2026

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. Turn in: Chili-1:00pm. Entry fee: \$25. Info: Call or Text Terry 214-537-1725

APR 11, LULING, TX **CANCELLED TOLBERT CHILI COOKOFF** per Cookoff Board. 36th Annual Roughneck Chili & BBQ Cook Off. CASI sanctioned chili. IBCA sanctioned BBQ. Info: [Info@lulingoilmuseum.org](mailto:Info@lulingoilmuseum.org)

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:cadolabill@yahoo.com)

APR 18, MARTINDALE, TX 19<sup>th</sup> Dam Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: San Marcos Youth Services Bureau "YSB" ([www.ysb.org](http://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. Contact Shaun Shaver for form. Gates open at 7am day of the cookoff. No RV's, 10' X 10" spaces, vehicles must be moved out after unloading. NO DOGS. Gates open for Public 9:00am, \$5 per person. Head Cook meeting 10am. Please bring your own sample cups and spoons. Live music, Live auction, Chili Tasting. Entry fee: Chili-\$60 includes either Head Cook T-shirt or Apron, Hot Sauce-\$10. Additional T-shirts \$30 or Apron available for \$30 each, pre-order for correct size. Turn in: Hot Sauce-10:00 at Cooks meeting, Chili-1:00. There will be People's Choice and Unsanctioned Showmanship competition. More details on registration form. Can pay Zelle or mail a check or cash. Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff. Info: Shaun Shaver, [shaunshaver@gmail.com](mailto:shaunshaver@gmail.com) for registration form and more details.

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. Meat inspection begins Friday 3:00pm. Friday night Jackpot (winner take all in each category) Appetizers, Margaritas & Chef Choice (main ingredient must be a tortilla) - \$5 each, all Turn ins: 7pm. Friday night Cooks Party & Karaoke 7-11. Saturday Cooks meeting 8:00am. Registration ends at 10:00 am. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-10, Salsa-10:30, Beans-11, Chicken-Noon, Ribs-1, Pork Butt-2, Brisket-3, Chili-4. Entry fee: Bloody Mary & Salsa-\$5 each, Beans-\$10, BBQ meats - \$15 each, Chili-\$20. Info: Paul Dietrich 337-375-4802 or [pauldietrich71@gmail.com](mailto:pauldietrich71@gmail.com) or Facebook: Friends of VFW Post No. 4746 R.D. Nelson Memorial.

APR 25, CORSICANA, TX—48th Annual Derrick Days Cookoff – 50<sup>th</sup> 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 A few single overnight spots available at \$50 per 20 X 20 site plus a refundable \$50 clean up fee. No camping fee for Chili cooks not

camping. Turn in: Pinto Beans (must start with Dry Beans, may presoaked)-11:00, Chili-1:00, Brisket-3:00. Entry fees: Pre-Register online-\$20 per category or \$50 if cooking all three. If registering on Friday or Saturday-\$25 per category. See the web site for site and entry rules. Info: [www.derrickdays.com](http://www.derrickdays.com) or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or [DebWayET@outlook.com](mailto:DebWayET@outlook.com)

APR 25, LULING, TX –Brazilian Open Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Benefits: TBA. 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](mailto:monaschlieper@yahoo.com) or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

MAY 1, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND TX – Chili On the Bay. TOLBERT. 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.) Friday Registration: 6:00PM. Turn in: 7:00PM, Margarita 7:30PM. Also Saturday cookoff. Info: Debbi Tucker 512-284-4097 or [debbi\\_tucker@yahoo.com](mailto:debbi_tucker@yahoo.com) or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or [bcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bcenter@gmail.com)

MAY 2, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND TX – Chili On the Bay. TOLBERT. 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 & margarita cookoffs. T-shirts and ladies' tanks will be available for \$20. You can pre-order if you want one we have PayPal Venmo and Cash app. Text 512-284-4097 for info. Order by the 1st of April. Turn in: Salsa: Noon, 50/50 Jackpot Pinto Beans: 1:00, Chili: 2:00. Info: Debbi Tucker 512-284-4097 or [debbi\\_tucker@yahoo.com](mailto:debbi_tucker@yahoo.com) or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or [bcenter@gmail.com](mailto: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. Friday 5:30 to 9:00 pm Meat inspection. Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, prizes. Cooks meeting 9:00 am. Categories: Chili, Salsa, Beans, Chicken, Ribs, Pork Butt, & Brisket. Info: VFW 817-249-6470 or Lynn Toomer 817-719-6648, Facebook page: Benbrook VFW & Auxiliary 10429

MAY 16, ROCKNE/BASTROP, TX –Red, White & 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 contact the Post 512-321-2610 to reserve, Dry camping allowed. Vendor Booths. 50/50 Payout based on number of entries. Cash/awards to top 5 for Chicken, Ribs & Brisket. Cash/Awards to top 3 in Bloody Mary's Pinot Beans & Open Meat. Entry fees: Chili, Bloody Mary's, Pinto Beans, Open Meat - \$25 per category, Kid's Cook (Grilled Cheese) - \$10, Chicken, Ribs & Brisket - \$40 per category. Info: [jrmcookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmcookoff@yahoo.com) or [www.JohnReynoldsMemorialFoundation.org](http://www.JohnReynoldsMemorialFoundation.org) or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text

MAY 30 - MAXWELL, TX - 35th Tolbert Texas State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: Paws Shelter of Central Texas. Location: Yanez's Tavern, 9472 TX Hwy 142. Dry camping available/no hook ups. Kitchen open Friday 5-9 pm, bar until midnight, Saturday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, Bar until 1:00 am. Top three Texas men will automatically qualify for the Championship in November. Turn in: Salsa-Noon, Jackpot Beans 1:00pm, Chili-2:00 pm. Entry fees: Chili-\$30, Jackpot Beans (1/2 entry fees go to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner)-\$20, Salsa-\$10. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or leave text)

**CANCELLED entire event** by the Chamber of Commerce, never on the report JUN 13, LOCKHART, TX 51st Chisholm Trail Roundup Cookoff

AUG 8, LOCKHART, TX - BB Hughes' Birthday Bash Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Caldwell County VFW Post 8927 charities. Location: VFW Post 8927, 7007 S Hwy 183, 2.2 miles S of Lockhart Municipal Airport. Camping available, no hookups. **Pending details.** Info: Post 512-398-4942, or Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

SEPT 11– MCGREGOR, TX – American Legion Post 273 Chili Bash. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 charities. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave, cooking indoors allowed. Hosted by the Legionaries. Post on 202 S Jefferson will be open. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Also Saturday Cookoff. **Pending details.** Info: Tracie Anaya 254-722-7088 or Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319

SEPT 12– MCGREGOR TX - American Legion #273 Chili Bash Day 2. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 charities. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave, cooking indoors allowed. Hosted by the Legionaries. Post on 202 S Jefferson will be open. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Also Friday cookoff. **Pending Details** Info: Tracie Anaya 254-722-7088 or Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319

SEPT 12– RED ROCK, TX – Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Debby & David Ross ranch, 997 Bee Creek Rd, Friday night cooks party. **Pending Details.** Info: Debbie Ross, 512-995-9019, 55deardebra@gmail.com

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 18-19, GRAFORD, TX - Graford Lions Club Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT Benefits: Graford Lions Club charities. Location: City Park on Main Street in center of town. Friday night Margarita and Bloody Mary competition. Saturday categories: Chili, Beans, Wild Game Appetizer, Salsa, Chicken Ribs, Pork Butt, Brisket, Dutch Oven Desserts. Junior categories: Wild Game Appetizer, Desserts. Details to follow. Info: Kathy Fowler 940-452-0128 or [Kathy76449@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathy76449@yahoo.com)

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

SEPT 26, ROCKNE/BASTROP, TX –Leon's Country Store Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: CASA of Bastrop, Fayette & Lee County. Location: 4033 FM 535. Dry Camping across the street, No Hook ups, Friday & Saturday nights. Please have a fire extinguisher available at your cook site. **Pending Details.** Info: Store 512-321-7346 or Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389

SEPT 26, SHERMAN, TX – Sherman Lions Club Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Lions Club charities. Location: 903 Brewers Tap Room and Restaurant, 221 W Houston. **Pending details.** Info: Steve Gaconnier 214-762-9946.

2026 Terlingua Championship Week – details due in late summer

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX – 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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@mildbillspices.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 – 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 34<sup>th</sup> Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 15<sup>th</sup> 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.abowlofred.com](http://www.abowlofred.com) under Resources.

NOV 7, TERLINGUA, TX – 59<sup>th</sup> 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 qualification Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monas@petroleumcollege.com. Cookoff Info: [abowlofred@gmail.com](mailto:abowlofred@gmail.com) or [www.abowlofred.com](http://www.abowlofred.com)