

Tolbert 2026 Cookoffs

Updated 5/9/2026

Remember to check with the Cookoff promoter if the cookoff is still planned. It helps to let them know you plan to attend. If cookoff promoters determine they likely will not have 15 cooks, they often cancel the event to save the cooks the expense of supplies, travel and their time and this is often done just the day before the event. Also check on Facebook (Tolbert Terlingua Chili Group Information OTICCC or CASTOLICS) or Tolbert web site for last minute cancellations and newly scheduled cookoffs.

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 or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or 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 or Deba Center 210-274-4952 or bcenter@gmail.com

MAY 15-16, BENBROOK, TX – **CHILI COMPETITION CANCELLED** 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 or 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 Texan 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 1st place winner)-\$20, Salsa-\$10. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or leave text)

AUG 1, HEWITT, TX – NOT A COOKOFF—TOLBERT ANNUAL MEETING. Location: Pending confirmation: Sleep Inn, 209 Enterprise Blvd., in the Breakfast Area room, doors open at Noon. Sandwich fixings, bottled water & tea will be provided. As usual, additions to the meal are welcome. This is an open gathering of Tolbert cooks, OTICCC volunteers and friends to discuss the organization and the past & upcoming Championship in November. If you wish to submit a rule change or discuss specific items at the meeting, please contact Kathleen or Paul Ryan or Debbie Turner (by July25 so they can be reviewed by Rules Committee) to be added to the Meeting's Agenda. Items NOT on the agenda may be discussed but not necessarily voted on. Info: Kathleen Tolbert Ryan ktryan97@gmail.com, Paul Ryan at pjryan96@gmail.com or Debbie Debwayet@outlook.com.

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: Restoration Ranch. Location: Debbie & David Ross ranch, 997 Bee Creek Rd, Dry camping, no hookups. Friday night cooks dinner. Friday Turn in: Margarita-7pm, Open Meat-8m. Entry fees: Margarita-\$5, Open Meat-\$25. Saturday Turn ins: Bloody Mary-11am, Chicken-Noon, Beans (start with Dry Beans, nothing bigger than a bean)-1:00pm, Chili-2pm, Ribs-3pm, Brisket-4pm. Entry fees: Bloody Mary-\$5, Beans-\$20, Chili & BBQ categories-\$25. Silent auction for charity. 50/50 Raffle. 100% payout to top 3 BBQ categories & Beans. 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

SEPT 25-26, BRACKETTVILLE, TX—Kenny County Prickly Pear Festival. TOLBERT. Location: Open field next to Catholic Church at 304 S Ann Street. Benefits: TBA. Categories: Chili, Anything Prickly Pear and Wings. Best in Show competition. Info: Cindy Hayter 503-929-5711 or 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

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. Added Verde Salsa. Info: gary@mildbillspices.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 – 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.abowlofred.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 qualification Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monas@petroleumcollege.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or www.abowlofred.com