

## Tolbert Cookoff list      Data updated 7/30/2025

Note: Cookoffs with the notation “**Pending Details**” means pertinent details about the cookoff are missing. The details must be submitted by the advertising deadline before they are officially submitted for sanctioning. (i.e. October cookoffs must submit their details by September 20<sup>th</sup>.)

COOKOFF DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Cookoff information often changes after being submitted. While I try to keep up with updates, it is advisable for cooks to contact the event to check for changes. Please let the cookoff that you plan on attending to assure the event will have 15 chili cooks.

AUG 9, 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. Chili Grind Only. Turn in: Bloody Mary's: Noon, Margaritas: 12:30, Beans: 1:00, Chili: 2:00. Entry fees: Chili-\$25, Beans-\$10, Drinks-\$5 each.. Info: Post 512-398-4942, or Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

SEPT 6 – CUERO, TX – Cuero VFW Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Maintenance Fund. Location: VFW Post 3972, 934 US Hwy 183 N. Cooks may begin arriving & set up on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, camping no hookups. Friday events turn in times: Deviled Eggs-6pm, Margaritas-7pm, Open Meat-\$25. Saturday: Chicken-11am, Homestyle Chili-Noon, Beans-1pm, Tolbert Chili-2pm, Ribs-3pm, Brisket 4pm. Entry fees: Deviled Eggs, Margaritas-\$5 per category, Homestyle Chili, Jackpot Beans, Tolbert Chili - \$20 per category, Open Meat, Chicken, Ribs, Brisket-\$25 per category. Commanders Special-\$150 for all categories. Jackpot Bean, 40% of entry fees to 1st place, 60% to VFW charity. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389.

SEPT 13 – 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 Sunday Cookoff. More details next month. Cooks eat free (Sold to the General Public) Friday and Breakfast both mornings. Lunch and Supper on Saturday will be available for purchase. A band on Friday & Saturday evening. The bar will be set up to purchase drinks. Silent auction, Bake Sale, Raffles and vendors on Saturday. Turn ins: Beans-Noon and Chili: 2. Entry fees: Beans: \$10, Chili: \$20. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

SEPT 12-13, 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. Friday night Jackpot categories Appetizers, Margaritas & Chef Choice, Saturday Chili, Bloody Mary's, Salsa, Beans, Chicken, Ribs, Pork Butt, Brisket. Info: Facebook: Friends of VFW Post No. 4746 R.D. Nelson Memorial or Post 817-594-7356

SEPT 14– 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 Saturday cookoff. Turn in: Beans Noon, Chili 1:00. Entry fee: Chili-\$20 Beans-\$10. Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders

SEPT 20, WACO, TX –Waco GoodFellas Fundraiser Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Waco GoodFellas. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping, no hookups. Also Sunday cookoff. NEW INFORMATION/NEW CHAIRMEN. Turn in Beans-Noon, Verde 1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Beans, Verde, Tolbert Chili - \$20 per category. New Chairmen: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 and Mona 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

SEPT 21, WACO, TX – Waco GoodFellas Fundraiser Chili Cookoff Day 2. TOLBERT. Benefits: Waco GoodFellas. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping, no hookups. Also Saturday cookoff.

NEW INFORMATION/NEW CHAIRMEN. Only Chili, Turn in: Noon. Entry fee: Chili - \$20. New Chairmen: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 and Mona 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

SEPT 27, ROCKNE, 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 in your cook site. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00, Ribs-3:00, Brisket-4:00, Awards est. 5:00pm. Entry fee: Bloody Mary-\$5, Beans-\$10, Chili, Ribs, Brisket-\$25 each. Info: Store 512-321-7346 or Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389

### **NEW CHILI YEAR**

OCT 4, BLANCO, TX - 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies State Championship of Texas. TOLBERT. Benefits Paws Shelter of Central Texas (benefiting shelters in Kyle & Dripping Springs.) Location: Yett Memorial Park, 1813 US-281. Limited Electrical Hookups \$75. Texas resident winners of 1st-3rd chili qualify for 2026 OTICCC. Friday events: Bean Bash-\$20, Margarita-\$15. Turn in: Beans-5:00pm, Margaritas-5:30pm. Saturday: Entry fees: Chili-\$30, BBQ categories-\$20 each. Turn in: BBQ Chicken-11:00am, Queen of Queens Chili-11:30, BBQ Ribs-Noon, Chili-1:00pm. Pre-registration ends September 1<sup>st</sup>. Prepaid chili entries receive a T-shirt, additional shirts will be \$15 each. More details to follow. Info: Chairman-Mona Schlieper monaschlieper@yahoo.com or ladiesstatechili@gmail.com or web site www.ladiesstatechili.org or Facebook page: Ladies State Chili Championship of Texas.

OCT 5, BLANCO, TX – 16<sup>th</sup> Just A Cookoff (JACC). TOLBERT. Benefits TBA. Location: Yett Memorial Park, 1813 US-281. See Saturday cookoff for more details. Chili only. Registration begins at 9:00am. Turn in: Noon. Entry fee: \$20. Info: Chairman-Mona Schlieper monaschlieper@yahoo.com or ladiesstatechili@gmail.com or web site www.ladiesstatechili.org or Facebook page: Ladies State Chili Championship of Texas.

OCT 10-11, ALVARADO, TX – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Isn't Free Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 9299 programs for their Veterans & Youth. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Camping, no hookups. **Pending details.** Info: Terry 214-537-1725 at VFW or Tracie 214-460-7610 Call or Text

OCT 11, HILLSBORO, TX – AutumnFest Chili Cook Off. Benefits: TBA. Location: Downtown Hillsboro. NEW COOKOFF, in planning stage. **Pending Details.** Info: Tiffany Barron, Main Street Manager 254-582-3271 Ext 2416

OCT 11, ROCKNE/BASTROP, TX – VFW Post 2527 Melvin Euers Memorial Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW Post 2527. Location: Rockne VFW, 1503 FM 20, Bastrop, TX. Limited hookups and Dry camping. **Pending Details.** Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text)

### **2025 Terlingua Championship Week**

OCT 30, TERLINGUA, TX – 9<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. See the schedule of events for registration times on Wednesday & Thursday. Cup size 24 oz. Entry fee: \$25. Turn in: 1:00. Info: [gary@mildbillsspices.com](mailto:gary@mildbillsspices.com)

OCT 30, TERLINGUA, TX - World's Championship Margarita Mix-Off. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. See the schedule of events for registration times on Wednesday & Thursday. Cup size is 32 oz. Entry fee: \$10. Turn in: 3:00. Judges must pay \$25 to participate, payable during registration at the cookoff. Info: [gary@mildbillsspices.com](mailto:gary@mildbillsspices.com)

OCT 31, 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 2025 OTICCC Championship. The top 10 winners qualified to compete in the Saturday Championship. See the schedule of events for registration times on Thursday & Friday. Turn in: 3:30. Entry fee: \$50. Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or DebWayET@outlook.com.

OCT 31, TERLINGUA, TX – 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Jimmy Doherty Memorial Salsa Contest. Details will be added by September. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Info: New BBQ Chairman, Joe Dabbert dabbert21@gmail.com. Rules and schedule on [www.abowlofred.com](http://www.abowlofred.com) under Resources.

NOV 1, TERLINGUA, TX – 58<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 or show to compete. Cooks and show teams participating in OTICCC may receive 2 armband per household. Show teams participating need to contact Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402, text or call or DebWayET@outlook.co to register their team members. Info on Chili & Showmanship Qualification Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com. Cookoff Info: [abowlofred@gmail.com](mailto:abowlofred@gmail.com) or [www.abowlofred.com](http://www.abowlofred.com)

NOV 14-15, ALVARADO, TX – BSA Troop 9299-BSA Chili/BBQ Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Boy Scout Troop 9299. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. **Pending Details.** Info: Call or Text Terry 214-537-1725 Referee: Tracie Frink

MAR 12, TERLINGUA, TX – Big Bend Wildlife and Wine Festival. Benefits: TBA. Location: Site of OTICCC's November cookoff. Spring Break festival held on the 10<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Cookoff is being held on a Thursday. **Pending Details.** Info: KaciKothmann@yahoo.com

MAR 14, WOODWAY, TX – Ides of March Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: CHANGED THIS YEAR, 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shriner Campground, limited hookups, reservations available later. Also Sunday cookoff. **Pending Details.** Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola [cadolabill@yahoo.com](mailto:cadolabill@yahoo.com)

MAR 15, WOODWAY, TX – Ides of March Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shriner Campground, limited hookups, reservations available later. Categories Chili & Jackpot Beans. **Pending Details.** Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola [cadolabill@yahoo.com](mailto:cadolabill@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

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](mailto:erikmccowan@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. **Pending Details.** Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff. Info: Shaun Shaver, [shaunshaver@gmail.com](mailto:shaunshaver@gmail.com)

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. **Pending Details.** 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) See web site for chili, brisket and site rules at: [www.derrickdays.com](http://www.derrickdays.com)