

Tolbert cookoff list as of August 30, 2026

Please check in with the Cookoff promoter if the cookoff is still planned. It helps to let them know you plan to attend. Some cookoff promoters determine that if they are not likely to have 15 cooks, they may cancel the event to save the cooks the expense of supplies & fuel and their time. This is often done just the day before the event.

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. Can cook inside the Event Center. Turn in: Chili - 7:00 PM. Entry fee: \$15. Info: Tracie Anaya 254-722-7088 or Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319, Mona Schlieper monaschlieper@yahoo.com to referee

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. Turn in: Beans: 1:00, Chili: 2:00. Entry: Beans: \$10, Chili: \$30. Info: Tracie Anaya 254-722-7088 or Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319, Mona Schlieper monaschlieper@yahoo.com to referee

SEPT 12– RED ROCK, TX – Rockin' Red Rock BBQ & Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Restoration Ranch. Location: Debbie & David Ross ranch, 997 Bee Creek Rd, Dry camping, no hookups. Friday night cooks dinner 6 to 7. Silent auction & 50/50 Raffle. BBQ sanctioned by IBCA. Friday Turn in: Salsa-7:00pm, Margarita-7:30pm, Open Meat-8pm. Entry fees: Salsa-\$10, Margarita-\$5, Open Meat-\$25. 100% payout on Open Meat. Saturday Turn ins: Bloody Mary-11am, Chicken-Noon, Jackpot Beans-1:00pm, Chili-2pm, Ribs-1:30pm, Brisket-3:00pm. Entry fees: Bloody Mary-\$5, Beans-\$20, Chili-\$25, BBQ \$150 for all three categories. 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. Meat inspection begins Friday 3:00pm. All entries must be cooked On Site. Friday night categories Appetizers, Margaritas & Chef Choice (main ingredient must is jalapeno) and Dessert - \$8 each, all Turn ins: 7pm. 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-\$8 each, Beans-\$10, BBQ meats - \$15 each, Chili-\$20. Info: Paul Dietrich 337-375-4802 or pauldietrich71@gmail.com or 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 Registration, 4:00 to 8:00 pm, Saturday, 6:30 am to 9:30 am. Cooks meeting in Gazabo Saturday 9:30. Friday night Turn ins: 8:00, Margarita & Bloody Mary. Saturday Categories: Entry fees: \$15 per category, Chili, Chicken Ribs, Pork Butt, Brisket. \$10 per category: Beans, Wild Game Appetizer, Salsa, Dutch Oven Desserts. Junior (13 & Under) categories: Wild Game Appetizer, Desserts. Info: Kathy Fowler 940-452-0128 or Kathy76449@yahoo.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. 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

SEPT 26, SHERMAN, TX – Sherman Evening Lions Club Eighth Annual Chili Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Lions Club charities in the local Sherman-Denison / Grayson County area. Location: 903 Brewers Tap Room and Restaurant, 221 W Houston. Special Breakfast Menu, courtesy of the 903 Brewers. People's Choice & Rookie competition. 50/50 Raffle, split between winner and Lions Club, Silent Auction and Live music. Cooks meeting: 10:00am. Turn ins: 1:00 pm. Entry fee: \$35. More details on Facebook page Sherman Evening Lion's Club 8th Annual Chili Cook-off. Info: Steve Gaconnier 214-762-9946.

BEGINNING OF THE NEW CHILI YEAR – 2026-2027

OCT 2-3, ALVARADO, TX – 10th Annual Freedom Isn't Free Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Post 9299 programs for their Veterans & Youth. Location: VFW Post 9299, 6732 E US 67. Camping, no hookups. Cooks meeting at 9:00am. Chili Only. Info: Terry 214-537-1725 at VFW or Tracie 214-460-7610 Call or Text

OCT 10, HILLSBORO, TX –Chilli Cookoff. Benefits: TBA. Location: Texas Through Time Museum, 110 N Waco St. Chili Only. Turn in: 2:00 pm. Entry fee: \$25. Check out Hillsboro Texas Main Street and Texas Through Time Facebook pages. Register to cook at: Texasthroughtime.org/Events. Info: Tiffany Barron, Main Street Manager 254-582-3271 Ext 2416

OCT 11 – GRAPEVINE, TX - Grapevine Music Festival. TOLBERT. SUNDAY COOKOFF. Location: Mariner Point Park, 1 Sunfish Drive at Lake Grapevine, gates open at 7:00AM. The festival will reimburse pay the \$10 per vehicle park entry fee. Keep Pets on Leash. Music festival, organized by Paul Ryan begins at Noon. Overnight camping is available, no hookups. Judging will be held in the Pavilion/Snack Bar. Chili only competition. Turn in at Noon. Entry fee: \$25. Updates next month, watch for flyer on Facebook and Tolbert web site. Site information: www.marinerpointpark.com, Festival information: <https://theconcertonlakegrapevine.com/>. Cookoff information contact: Gary Brignon 469-628-3796 call or text.

OCT 17, MCKINNEY, TX – Collin County Veteran's Chili Cook-off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Sinise Foundation and local ROTC Scholarships. Location: American Legion Post 96, 1505 Church St. Overnight camping available, no hookups. Please supply People's Choice Chili, tasting armbands will be sold to the public for the charities. Turn in: 11:45. Entry fees: Chili-\$25, Beans-\$15. Pre-register payable to: VVA, PO Box 6165, McKinney, TX 75071. Info: Ken Taylor, VVA President 214-228-9096 or kentaylor.texas@yahoo.com

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX – 1st Annual Tolbert / Mild Bill's International Salsa Verde Cookoff. Benefits: ALS. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Turn in: 11:00. Entry fees: \$20. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

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. Cup size 24 oz. Turn in: 1:00. Entry fees: \$25, Margarita-\$10 entry, \$25. Info: gary@mildbillsspices.com

NOV 5, TERLINGUA, TX –10th Annual Tolbert / Mild Bill's International Margarita Mixoff. Benefits: ALS. Location: OTICC site, 23101 FM 170, Behind the Whites' Store, just East of Downtown Terlingua. Turn in: 3:00. Entry fees: Margarita - \$10 entry, \$35 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. Turn in: 3:30. Entry fee: \$50. Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.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. \$5,000 payout for the Bob Roberts Memorial Cookoff. Turn in: Salsa-10:30, Chicken-11, Black-eyed Peas-Noon, Ribs-1, Beans & People's Choice Pork -2 Brisket-3. Entry Fees: BBQ meats (Brisket, Chicken & Ribs) \$50 per category or \$125 for all three if you received free armband at gate, \$35 per category or 3 for \$100 if you had to pay for your armband, Beans, Black-eyed Peas, Salsa-\$10 each. 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. NEW this year: Open Showmanship, register at the site, open to all, detail to be decided later. Info on Chili qualification Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monas@petroleumcollege.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or www.abowlofred.com

DEC 5, BENBROOK, TX - VFW Post 10429 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW charities. Location: VFW Post 10429, 1000 Stevens Dr. Only Chili. **Pending Details**. Info: VFW 817-249-6470 or Lynn Toomer 817-719-6648, Facebook page: Benbrook VFW & Auxiliary 10429

DEC 5, 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. BBQ sanctioned by LSBS. **Pending Details**. Info: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAR 12, MCGREGOR TX – Friday Night Points only Cookoff. 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. Also Saturday cookoff. **Pending Details**. Info: Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

MAR 13, MCGREGOR TX –Tolbert Texas Men's State Chili and Ladies State Championships. 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. Also Friday nite chili cookoff. **Pending Details**. Info: Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com

MAR 20, WOODWAY, TX – Hewitt VFW Post 6008 and Tolbert Chili & Bean Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location, Waco Karem Shrine Campground, 400 Karem Circle. Limited hookups, Bill Cadola for camping reservations. **Pending Details**. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola cadolabill@yahoo.com

MAR 21, 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. **Pending Details**. Info: Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola 254-709-3557 or cadolabill@yahoo.com