

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. March cookoffs must submit their details by February 20th.)

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 or changes and/or let them know you plan on attending.

FEB 22, LULING, TX – 22nd Annual American Legion Post 177 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Food Bank. Location: American Legion Post, 215 E. Davis St. Camping no hookups. Friday night: Turn in: Margaritas 6:30. Open Meat 7:30, Dessert 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 entries based on # of entries. Info: American Legion 830-875-9329 or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

FEB 22, WACO, TX - W.C. Walden Memorial Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Bloody Mary’s-11:00, Margaritas-11:30, Black Eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00, Entry fees: Drinks-\$5 each, Beans & Peas-\$10 each, Chili-\$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317.

FEB 23, WACO, TX - W.C. Walden Memorial Chili Cookoff Day 2 TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping. Also Saturday cookoff. Chili Only Turn in: Noon, Entry fee: \$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317.

MAR 8, WOODWAY, TX – Ides of March Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: CHANGED THIS YEAR, 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shrine Campground, (Limited RV cookoffs Shriners-\$15 per night, Non-Shriner-\$20) Reservation contact 254-848-5600. Also Sunday cookoff. Goodie Bags to 1st 25 entries, 50/50 Drawing, Raffle Baskets. Turn ins: Jackpot Pinto Beans-Noon, Chili-2. Entry fees: Chili-\$20. Pinto Beans-\$10. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola,

MAR 9, WOODWAY, TX – Ides of March Chili Cook Off. TOLBERT. Benefits: Veterans and Veteran Programs. Location: 400 Karem Cir. Waco Karem Shrine Campground, (Limited RV cookoffs Shriners-\$15 per night, Non-Shriner-\$20) Reservation contact 254-848-5600. Turn ins: Chili-Noon. Entry fees: \$20. Info: VFW 254-666-6008 or Facebook page: VFW Post 6008, Cookoff Chairman: Bill Cadola,

MAR 15, MCGREGOR TX –Tolbert Texas Men’s State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fund, hosted by the American Legion. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. Can cook inside the Event Center. Live music Friday & Saturday nights. Meals provided by the AL Post 273, Friday night dinner, Saturday & Sunday breakfast, Donations accepted. Top 3 Texas chili & top show team residents qualified for 2025 OTICCC. Turn in: Black-eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00 Showmanship 2:30-3:00. Entry fee: Chili-\$25, Peas & Beans-\$10 each. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317 or tolbertmensstatechili@gmail.com.

MAR 16, MCGREGOR TX – Brazilian Open. TOLBERT. American Legion Post 273 Charitable Fundon. Location: The Exchange Event Center, 300 S Jefferson Ave. Dry Camping No Hook Ups. If at least 25 cooks, Top 3 chili & top show team qualified for 2025 OTICCC. Turn in: Chili-\$25. Turn in: Noon, Showmanship 2:30 to 3. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317 or tolbertmensstatechili@gmail.com.

MAR 22, BASTROP/ROCKNE, 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. 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 5, LULING, TX 35th Annual Roughneck Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Luling Oil Museum. Location: Downtown on Davis St. **Pending details.** BBQ should Pre-register www.lulingoilmuseum.org look under Event Submission. Info: Ashley Flores 830-875-1922 or ashley@luling.org or Info & Referee: Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (call or text) or text 512-627-5980

APR 5, MARTINDALE, TX 18th 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. 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. Head Cook meeting 10am. Please bring your own sample cups and spoons. Entry fee: Chili-\$60 includes either T-shirt or Apron, Hot Sauce-\$10. Additional T-shirts \$25 or Apron available for \$20 each, pre-order for correct size. Turn in: Hot Sauce-10 at Cooks meeting, Chili-1. There will be Unsanctioned Showmanship competition. More details on registration form. Can pay Zelle or mail in a check or cash. Check out their Facebook page, Dam Chili Cookoff or web link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10006445660931>. Info: Shaun Shaver, shaunshaver@gmail.com for registration form and more details

APR 11-12, ROSANKY, TX – Snake Prairie Chili Jam 4. TOLBERT. Benefits: Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM). Location: Snake Prairie, 10 minutes south of Bastrop on Hwy. 304 (map location: 2467 Hwy. 304 Smithville, TX 78957.) Camping opens on Thursday at Noon, no hookups, take out what you bring in. **No Pets Allowed**, see <http://www.snakeprairie.com/chilijam> for site rules. Potluck dinner Friday night (bring a dish to share) with brisket cooked on site and beer provided by Wild Bunch Brewing. Music: Kendra Krupala, 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Envy of Them All, 3-6 p.m. Big raffle featuring two pairs of high-end cowhide boots and a \$600 gift card from Chisos Boots. Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Turn ins: Chili-3, Beans-2, Deviled Eggs-1, Margaritas-Noon. Info: Laurie Rector McCowan 512-718-8677 (call or text) or erikmccowan@yahoo.com

APR 18-19, 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 or Traci 214-460-7610 Call or Text

APR 25-26, ALVARADO, TX – Spring VFW Post 9299 Chili/BBQ Cookoff. 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

APR 26, CORSICANA, TX—47th Annual Derrick Days Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Downtown, 100 N Main Street (Block square bordered by N Main, W Collin, N 12th and 5th.) Overnight campers must pre-register which should open online on March 1st. No camping fee for Chili Day Cookers. Categories: Chili, Beans, Brisket. **Pending details.** Info: www.derrickdays.com or Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 cell & text or DebWayET@outlook.com

MAY 2-3, MINERAL WELLS, TX –VFW Post 2399 Annual Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Homeless Vets /Veterans Assistance Program. Location: 1400 Veterans of Foreign Wars St. 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. Turn in: Jackpot Bloody Marys, 10:00, Salsa-10:30, Beans & Dutch Oven Dessert, Margaritas -11:00,

Chicken-Noon, Ribs-1:00, Pork Butt-2:00, Brisket-3:00, Chili-4:00. Entry fees: Jackpot Bloody Mary's-\$20, Salsa, Dutch Oven Dessert, Margarita-\$5 each, Beans-\$10, Meat Categories & Chili-\$15 each. Info: Facebook page Palo Pinto Memorial Post 2399.

MAY 3, PORT O'CONNOR, TX - Josie's Cook-Off. TOLBERT. Benefits TBA. Location: Josie's Mexican Food and Cantina, 610 Adams Ave. No space for RV's on site. **Pending details.** Cookoff Chairman Mona Schlieper monaschieper@yahoo.com or Tom Stephens 512-554-5389 (text or leave a message please.)

MAY 10, 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)

MAY 16-17, BENBROOK, TX – VFW Post 10429 Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: VFW charities. Location: 1000 Stevens Dr. **Pending Details.** Info: VFW 817-249-6470 Facebook page: Benbrook VFW & Auxiliary 10429 or Tracie 214-460-7610 Call or Text

MAY 17, WACO, TX - Al Hopkins Memorial 33rd Tolbert Texas State Chili Championship. TOLBERT. Benefits: Waco GoodFellas (Christmas cheer for families in need). Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Sponsored by Mild Bill's Gunpowder Foods and Lakeside Tavern. Dry camping. Top 3 Texas resident chili and Top Texas resident Show Team automatically qualified for the Terlingua Championship 2025. **Pending details.** Info: Gary Brignon gary@mildbillspices.com. Referee: Debbie Turner

MAY 24 – 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. Referee: Debbie Turner.

JUN 14, LOCKHART, TX 51st Chisholm Trail Roundup Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: Lockhart Chamber of Commerce activities. Location: Lockhart City Park, 504 East City Park Rd. Camping, no hookups. **Pending Details.** Info: <https://www.lockhartchamber.com/chisholm-trail-roundup/> for entry form & rules or Chamber of Commerce 512-398-2818 Chili Head Judge & Referee: Tom Stephens

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. **Pending Details.** 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. **Pending Details.** Info: Facebook: Friends of VFW Post No. 4746 R.D. Nelson Memorial or Traci 214-460-7610 Call or Text

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. **Pending Details.** Info: Facebook page: American Legion Post #273 McGregor, 254-840-4319 Cookoff Chairman: Gary Sanders.

SEPT 20, WACO, TX –Vern Kong Memorial Chili & BBQ Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping, no hookups. Also Sunday cookoff. Turn in: Bloody Mary's-

11:00, Margaritas-11:30, Black Eyed Peas-Noon, Beans-1:00, Chili-2:00. Entry fees: Drinks-\$5 each, Beans & Peas -\$10 each, Chili-\$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317

SEPT 21, WACO, TX – A Day After Vern Kong Memorial Chili Cookoff. TOLBERT. Benefits: TBA. Location: Lakeside Tavern, 6605 Airport Rd. Dry camping, no hookups. Also Saturday cookoff. Only Chili, Turn in: Noon. Entry fee: Chili-\$25. Info: Michael Kellogg 254-290-4317

NEW CHILI YEAR

OCT 10-11, ALVARADO, TX – 6th 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. Info: Terry 214-537-1725 at VFW or Tracie 214-460-7610 Call or Text

2025 Terlingua Championship Week

OCT 30, TERLINGUA, TX – 9th 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. Details added by Sept. Info: 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. Details will be added by September. Info: 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. Chairman: Patrick Ryan. Info: Debbie Eiland Turner 972-935-2402 or DebWayET@outlook.com.

OCT 31, TERLINGUA, TX – 37th Annual Bob Roberts Memorial BBQ Cookoff, 43rd Annual Hal John Wimberly - Frank X Tolbert. Memorial World Championship B.E.An. & 33rd Annual. Clay Henry Memorial World Championship P.E.A.-Off & 14th 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: Jimmy Smith BBQ Event Director 254-698-1081 leave a message or jsmith290@hot.rr.com Rules and schedule on www.abowlofred.com under Resources.

NOV 1, TERLINGUA, TX – 58th 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.com) to register their team members. Info on Chili & Showmanship Qualification Mona Schlieper 361-524-0131 or monaschlieper@yahoo.com. Cookoff Info: abowlofred@gmail.com or 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