

"Life is a festival only to the wise."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

LIFE IS A FESTIVAL!

ns and cities throughout Texas host hundreds of events 1 year celebrating our history, heroes, culture, and comity. From classic street fairs to hay rides to wiener dog is, Texas cities invite you, your friends, and family to join party.

canoes on the Concho River at the City of San elo's Riverfest, sight the endangered whooping crane ort Aransas, celebrate the working cowboy with poetry pine, hop over to Hutto to taste Texas' reds, whites, and vs, salute our veterans with fireworks at The Colony, or nch your appetite for tasty blues and barbecue at the ford Blues and BBQ Festival.

ple some of these quirky and quintessential events, discover what's happening in Texas!

September 4-6

City of Bedford: Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival

www.bedfordbluesfest.com
ic lovers with an appetite for tasty blues and ith-watering barbecue will find the 2015 Bedford Blues 3Q Festival a feast for the senses. The three-day event rns with blues legends Delbert McClinton and Buddy , and a barbecue cook-off.

September 5

City of Hutto: Reds, Whites, and Brews

www.visithutto.com
erience an event like no other! Come and taste Texas e and Texas Craft Brews at the City of Hutto's "Reds, tes, & Brews" event over Labor Day weekend. Local ine and live entertainment will be part of the evening. / 400 tickets available! Order online or call to reserve.

September 12

City of Corsicana: Second Saturday Event Series

www.cityofcorsicana.com
historic downtown Corsicana the second Saturday of 1 month to shop, stroll, dine, and enjoy entertainment. ton Street in downtown Corsicana's the place to be. re for a rocking good time!

September 12

City of Azle: Azle Sting Fling Festival

www.azlechamber.com
Celebrate at the eighth Annual Azle Sting Fling with a parade, carnival, color run, steak cook off, car show, arts and crafts, wiener dog race, and much more. Enjoy a full day of fun in Azle.

September 18-20

City of San Angelo: Riverfest/Lilyfest

visitsanangelo.org
Enjoy the Street Dance, family activities, petting zoo, and canoe race on the beautiful Concho River. Compete in the Families On! Challenge Race and take in Lilyfest.

September 19

City of Pearland: Pearland International Festival

pearlandcvb@pearlandtx.gov
This year's festival will feature an emphasis on the coun- tries bordering the Mediterranean Sea. The festival is filled with live music, cultural dancing performances, activities, international food and vendor booths, children's entertain- ment, kids' zone, and a VIP tent.

September 26-27

City of Comanche: 34th Annual Comanche Pow Wow

comanchechamber.org
The Comanche County Pow Wow is held in the beautiful Comanche City Park every fourth weekend in September. This event draws more than 11,000 people, and is well known for the variety of vendors, fun food, great entertain- ment, car show, and state Bar-B-Que cook-off.

October 16-18

City of Boerne: Texas Hill Country Invitational Art Show

www.visitboerne.org
The Texas Hill Country Invitational Art Show is a premier event with a diversity of art and media from artists around the country. There are also other activities such as a paint- out with silent auction, a quick draw and live auction, artist demonstrations, and a breakfast with the artists.

October 24

City of Sachse: Sachse Fallfest

www.sachsefallfest.com
Every year, Heritage Park hosts thousands of guests at the Sachse Fallfest. Join Sachse in celebrating the 30th annual event which brings the community and surrounding areas together with more than 100 craft, business, and food ven- dors, bounce houses, and live music.

November 4-8

City of Harlingen: 22nd Annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival

www.rgvbf.org
The Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival offers field trips for birding hotspots throughout the valley, seminars and key- note lectures by internationally renowned birding experts, an active trade show, and engaging educational programs for children.

November 7

City of The Colony: American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans Festival and Fireworks

www.saluteamericanheroes.com
This free family-friendly event kicks off with a lively fun run/walk followed by a memorial ceremony honoring our veterans. Enjoy live music, carnival rides, car show, vendor expo, fair food, silent auction, and a spectacular fireworks display when the sun goes down.

November 14-15

City of Rockdale: El Camino Real Trade Days

www.elcaminorealtradedays.com
Do some "Tradin' on the Trail" at this two-day event that promotes The El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historical Trail and Milam County. Take part in the free consignment auction on November 15, and experience a vast array of vendors, retail, and food.

November 23-January 1

City of Cuero: Christmas in the Park

www.christmasincuero.com
An evening driving tour of several hundred light scenes depicting the holiday season. Starting the Monday before Thanksgiving and continuing through New Year's Day, this festival brings joy to an estimated 100,000 residents and visitors.

December 3-5

City of Mesquite: Christmas in the Park

www.cityofmesquite.com
Filled with twinkling light displays and a festive spirit, this three-day event features community performances, pic- tures with Santa, Mrs. Claus story time, hot Dr. Pepper, a living nativity scene, community yule log, holiday crafts, concessionaires, hay rides, and children's activities.



December 5

City of Aledo: Christmas Tyme in Aledo & Craft Fair

www.aledo-texas.com
Come celebrate the 15th Annual Christmas Tyme in Aledo and the 38th Annual Arts & Craft Fair. This festival launch- es the holiday season as a traditional free attraction for the community. Local businesses stay open late with activities and refreshments.

December 5

City of Wylie: Wylie Arts Festival

www.wylietexas.gov/arts_festival
Get started with holiday shopping from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with 100-plus vendors of fine arts and handmade crafts. Stay for the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade at 5:30 p.m., followed by the tree lighting in Olde City Park. Mayor Hogue will read *The Night Before Christmas* after the tree lighting in historic downtown Wylie.

December 10-12

City of Clute: Christmas in the Park

cluteparks@gmail.com
Experience the sights and sounds of the holiday season. View lighted displays, beautifully decorated trees, and entertainment by local dance groups and choirs. Roast marshmallows over the crackling fire, enjoy shopping from the arts, crafts, and food vendors, and visit with Santa.

February 25-28, 2016

City of Port Aransas: 20th Annual Whooping Crane Festival

www.whoopingcranefestival.org
Get your binoculars and checklists ready! The Coastal Bend is the only spot in the United States where the endangered Whooping Crane can be viewed at close range. Port Aransas celebrates this astonishing natural wonder with an annual festival honoring these grand birds with birding tours by land and sea.

February 26-27, 2016

City of Alpine: Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering

www.texascowboypoetry.com
Enjoy a plethora of poets, songwriters, and wordsmiths at the 30th anniversary of this eclectic event, the lon- gest-running event of its kind in Texas, celebrating the oral traditions of the working cowboy.