

TIME TO CELEBRATE TEXAS-STYLE!

Everything is bigger in Texas — and that includes the celebrations. From Amarillo to Laredo, El Paso to Corpus Christi, and everywhere in between, cities and towns celebrate everything from food and culture to art and fitness. Here is a sampling of events and festivals that are being hosted by cities throughout Texas this spring and summer.

City of Seabrook: Lucky Trail Marathon • March 21 – 22
www.seabrookmarathon.org

Running for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? Look no further than the Lucky Trail Marathon! This popular event, held on the Seabrook nature trails, is known for its enthusiastic volunteers, great goodie bag, and awesome post-race party.

City of Wylie: Wylie JazzArts Fest • April 18
wylietexas.gov/events/jazzarts

The City of Wylie invites you to shop for fine art, enjoy fair food, create a hat with the Rad Hatter, be a part of the Community Canvas, and listen to the smooth sounds of 13 bands playing jazz on the grounds of the architecturally award-winning Wylie Municipal Complex.

City of Mesquite: 9th Annual Real. Texas. Festival.
April 24 – 25
www.realtexasfestival.com

Family-friendly and fun, Mesquite's 9th Annual Real. Texas. Festival. features thrilling performances at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo, a BBQ cook-off, carnival, classic car show, crafts, an extensive Kids Korral, and concerts under the stars by country-western performers.

City of Georgetown: Red Poppy Festival • April 24 – 26
poppy.georgetown.org

Georgetown's Annual Red Poppy Festival features one-of-a-kind shopping with more than 100 hand-crafted artisan booths, all-day entertainment on three stages, tasty treats, a parade, a car show, the Safe Place Kids Zone, and concerts on Friday and Saturday nights featuring well-known artists. Admission is free.

City of Lewisville: Chalk This Way • May 9
www.lakesidearts.org/Chalk-This-Way.html

Feeling artsy? Make plans to attend the 5th annual Chalk This Way sidewalk chalk art festival in Old Town Lewisville. This event features professional chalk artists, amateur chalk art contest, scholarship contest, a children's gallery, art vendors, food and drink, and musical entertainment.

City of Addison: Fork & Cork • May 15 – 16
addisontx.gov

Addison has long been home to one of Texas' most dynamic dining scenes, and now it is host one of the state's most exciting food and wine festivals. Fork & Cork celebrates the elected, exciting, and changing culinary offerings in North Texas with chef demonstrations, tastings, and more.

City of Azle: Music in the Park • Fridays in June and July
cityofazle.org

Gather with your friends and family every Friday night in June and July for the free Music in the Park series. Hear from some regulars and some new emerging artists.

City of Midland: Mex Tex Family Fiesta • June 5 - 6
www.midlandhcc.com

The Midland Mex Tex Fiesta recognizes and celebrates the city's vibrant Hispanic heritage and culture. Complete with concerts, actives, and food, this event will be enjoyed by the entire family.

City of Princeton: July 4th Spectacular • July 3
www.princetontx.gov

Celebrate our nation's birthday with a softball game against the city's police and fire departments, bounce houses, arts and crafts, vendors, live bands, food, and drinks. Carter Blood Care will also be there for blood donations. Stay until the end for a spectacular fireworks show!

City of The Colony: Liberty by the Lake • July 4
www.LibertyByTheLake.com

Celebrate America's birthday with The Colony! This free festival features a fun run, parade, live music, children's activities, fireworks over Lewisville Lake, and more.

City of Knox City: Watermelon Festival • July 24 – 25
940-6589442

What's better than a watermelon festival in the middle of summer? Come to Knox City for a two-day festival with music, food, water rides, swimming, vendors, and dance night on Friday. And of course...lots of free delicious watermelon!

City of Brady: World Championship BBQ Goat Cook-off
September 4 - 5

bradytx.com/pages/WorldChampionshipGoatCookOff1

What began in 1974 as a small fundraiser for the local Jaycees with 16 cooking teams is now the largest and longest running of its kind in Texas with more than 200 team entries each year. The City of Brady Cook-off features vendors, dances, kids' games, horseshoes and washers, and a savory goat barbeque. ★