



Sierra County Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board  
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## Sierra County's Annual Events - 2011

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Events website: [SierraCountyEvents.com](http://SierraCountyEvents.com)

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2/19/2011 - 2/20/2011

### Sierra County Longhorn Show

Sierra County Fairgrounds. Entries from NM, TX, CO, OK, and AZ! Classes (youth and adult) include heifers, cow-calf, steers, and bulls in halter and open divisions. Vendors, arts and crafts are also on hand. Presented by the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of New Mexico.  
**Contact:** 915-252-4118.

2/25/2011 - 2/26/2011

### Gathering of Quilts

Truth or Consequences Civic Center. Beautiful work by local quilters and historic quilts on display; demonstrations, vendors and quilt appraisals available throughout the weekend.  
**Contact:** Ginger Van Gundy, 575-744-5472.

3/19/2011 – 3/20/2011

### Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Sierra del Rio Championship Golf Course, Turtleback Mountain Resort. 9 am shotgun start. \$65 entry fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, golf prizes and door prizes. The event raises funds for the Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce. **Contact:** Sierra del Rio Golf Course, 575-744-4653 or Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce, 575-744-4708.

4/30/2011 - 5/1/2011

### Fiesta Golf Tournament

Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course. A putting contest is held the night before the tournament as part of Fiesta's kickoff party. **Info:** [torcfiesta.com](http://torcfiesta.com). **Contact:** T or C Municipal Golf Course, 575-894-2603.

5/6/2011 - 5/8/2011

### Truth or Consequences Fiesta

Held annually since 1950, Truth or Consequences comes together to celebrate with a parade, rodeo, 2-days worth of music, a junk boat race, games and vendors in the park, and much more! **Info:** [torcfiesta.com](http://torcfiesta.com). **Contact:** [info@torcfiesta.com](mailto:info@torcfiesta.com).



5/28/2011

**Fly Freedom's Flag Parade**

10 am - 2 pm, Marina del Sur, Elephant Butte State Lake Park. The event begins with a POW/MIA service on D-Dock, Marina del Sur. Decorated boats meet at Dam Site to start the boat parade at noon. At 12:30 the boats pass by the main boat ramp for wreath toss, playing of taps, and a USAF fly-by. All are invited to decorate their boats, RVs or campsites and join the parade honoring those who've served in the military. Directions: Take exit 83 off I-25 and follow the signs to the State Park main entrance and Marina del Sur. **Contact:** Nadine Crom, 575-744-5567, Nadine@lacorico.com.

6/4/2011

**Winston-Chloride-Dusty-Chiz 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta**

9 am - all day, Winston Community Center. Line-up for the parade starts at 9 am; parade begins around 10. Games, events and vendor booths all day, and a dance in the evening. **Contact:** 575-743-0190, montecristo@windstream.net.

6/11/2011

**Elephant Butte Chili Challenge Cook-Off**

11 am, Desert Cove Campground, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Enter the competition and see if your best batch of red or green can win a prize or come on out and vote in the People's Choice award. Tasting starts at 11 am. Ice cream and hamburgers are also available. **Contact:** Brigitte Sutherland, 575-894-3264 or 575-744-5292.

6/18/2011 - 6/19/2011

**Junior Open Fishing Tournament**

Tournament action from 6am - noon both days, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Register on June 13th, 3 - 6 pm. Youth grades K-12 are encouraged to participate in this annual Father's Day Event. A cookout is held after weigh-in on Saturday; awards are given after tournament action is complete on Sunday. \$10 entry fee per angler. Each contestant must furnish his or her own boat. Sponsored by the Elephant Butte Bass Anglers. Park admission fees apply. **Contact:** Elephant Butte Bass Anglers, 575-740-0265.

7/2/2011

**4th of July Fireworks Display**

Dusk, Rattlesnake Island off of Lion's Beach, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Come and see the state's biggest fireworks show reflected off the largest body of water in New Mexico! **Contact:** Friends of Elephant Butte Lake, 575-744-5923 or 575-744-5421.



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8/13/2011 - 8/14/2011

**61<sup>st</sup> T or C Open Golf Tournament**

Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course. **Contact:** T or C Municipal Golf Course, [howieprodog@msn.com](mailto:howieprodog@msn.com), 575-894-2603.

9/9/2011 - 9/11/2011

**Elephant Butte Annual Celebration**

Elephant Butte-at-large. Activities include live music, arts, crafts & food vendors, a parade, car, boat & motorcycle show and more! **Info:** [cityofelephantbutte.com](http://cityofelephantbutte.com). **Contact:** Alan Briley, 575-744-4892.

9/10/2011

**C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Tournament**

7 am - noon, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. This fishing tournament began in 1991 and unites volunteers who love to fish with disabled and disadvantaged children for a day of fishing in the outdoors. Free for participants, but park admission fees apply for spectators. Sponsored by the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation. **Info:** [www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org). **Contact:** 575-744-5923 or 575-744-5998.

9/10/2011 - 9/11/2011

**Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta**

6:30am-10am both days, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Events include a daily balloon ascension and the balloon-boat relay race. Cost: park entrance fee. Sponsored by the Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce. **Info:** [www.ebbr.org](http://www.ebbr.org). **Contact:** 505-307-4142.

9/24/2011

**Hot Springs Festival**

In 1914 the town of Palomas Hot Springs formally changed its name to "Hot Springs." To celebrate its history as a hot springs destination for almost 100 years, the City of Truth or Consequences holds a street fair-style block party featuring live music, vendors, historical displays, and an opportunity to dangle your toes in our famous hot mineral springs. **Info:** [www.hotspringsfestival.com](http://www.hotspringsfestival.com). **Contact:** Gina Kelley, 575-740-3902, [director@sierracountynewmexico.info](mailto:director@sierracountynewmexico.info).



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9/25/2011

**Elephant Man Triathlon**

8 am, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. An intermediate distance triathlon comprised of a 1.0 mile swim, 26.5 mile bike, and 6.0 mile run. Expanded field allows for 350 entrants. \$75 for individual participants, \$125 for relay teams. Park admission fees apply. **Info:** www.elephantmantriathlon.com. **Contact:** Kori Mannon, 575-744-0055 or kori@valornet.com.

10/8/2011 - 10/9/2011

**Sierra County Fair**

Sierra County Fair Barn. Arts, crafts, livestock, food vendors, community groups and fun. **Contact:** Sierra County Extension Service, 575-894-2375.

10/21/2011 - 10/23/2011

**Old-Time Fiddlers State Competition**

Ralph Edwards Civic Auditorium, 400 W. Fourth, T or C. A wonderful weekend of fun and fiddling, food and dancing. **Contact:** 575-744-4016.

11/12/2011

**Veterans Day Car Show**

8 am-4 pm, New Mexico State Veterans' Home, 992 South Broadway, T or C. Cars will be judged by a panel of judges and peoples choice, with trophies and dash plaques awarded to winners. Includes a swap meet and concessions (vendor spots available!). Hosted by New Mexico State Veterans Home. Cost: free for spectators; entrants pay \$25. **Contact:** Sam Shannon, 575-894-4222.

11/12/2011

**Run for the Wall**

9 am - 4:30pm, Veteran's Memorial Park, 996 S. Broadway, T or C. Come support the Truth or Consequences Veteran's Memorial Park & Hamilton Military Museum during this fun and festive event, which includes vendors, games food, music, a Bike Run and Rodeo - a guaranteed good time! **Contact:** Bobby Allen, 575-740-7111.

12/3/2011

**Hillsboro's Christmas in the Foothills**

A pre-Christmas celebration with open houses at studios, galleries, and historic homes in Hillsboro. Events at the Hillsboro Community Center include raffles, the famous \$49.99 sale, and vendors selling their holiday wares. **Contact:** Robert Shipley, 575-895-5797.



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12/9/2011

**Old Fashioned Christmas**

6 - 9pm, downtown Truth or Consequences. The evening begins with the annual Christmas Tree lighting in Evelyn Renfro park, after which all can enjoy bonfires, drawings, a visit from Santa, carolers and other performers, and holiday refreshments in downtown T or C. Businesses are open for holiday shopping. **Info:** [www.torcmainstreet.org](http://www.torcmainstreet.org). **Contact:** Gina Kelley, 575-740-3902, [director@sierracountynewmexico.info](mailto:director@sierracountynewmexico.info).

12/10/2011

**Elephant Butte Luminaria Beachwalk and Floating Parade of Lights**

Dusk, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. The Luminaria Walk, sponsored by the Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce, features thousands of luminarias lining paths on the beach leading to community-sponsored campsites with posole, cocoa, s'mores, and more! Hop on a hayride, join the carolers, or stop by the The Elephant Butte Rotary Club's campsite to make a donation to Make-A-Wish. The beautiful on-the-water parade begins at 6:30pm. A combination Christmas party / community awards ceremony (for lighting of boats, RVs, businesses, and residences) follows at the Elephant Butte Inn.

**Contacts:** Luminaria Walk: Kim Skinner, 575-740-1777. Parade of Lights: Nadine Crom, Lago Rico, 575-744-5567.