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## Sierra County's Annual Events - 2012

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

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2/24/2012 - 2/25/2012

### 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.

3/17/2012

### Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Sierra del Rio Championship Golf Course, Turtleback Mountain Resort.

9 am shotgun start. 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.

5/4/2012 - 5/6/2012

### 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).

5/5/2012 - 5/6/2012

### Truth or Consequences 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.

5/26/2012

### 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@lagorico.com](mailto:Nadine@lagorico.com).



6/2/2012

### Winston-Chloride-Dusty-Chiz 9th 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](mailto:montecristo@windstream.net).

6/16/2012 - 6/17/2012

### 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. Entry fee is 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.

6/30/2012 (rain date 7/1/2012)

### 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! Usually occurs on Saturday evening of "July 4 weekend." **Contact:** Friends of Elephant Butte Lake, 575-744-5923 or 575-744-5421.

7/21/2012 - 7/22/2012

### Dam It Man Triathlon

6:30am-11am, Dam Site Recreation Area, Elephant Butte. The Dam It Man is a sprint-distance Triathlon comprised of a 400 meter swim, 12 mile bike, 2.25 mile run. This fast and tough course will draw top flight athletes from across the west. Cost: park entrance fee. [damitmantriathlon.com](http://damitmantriathlon.com), **Contact:** Heros Inc, Scott Kennicutt, 575-744-0055, [s2k@valornet.com](mailto:s2k@valornet.com).

8/11/2012 - 8/12/2012

### 62nd 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.

9/7/2012 - 9/9/2012

### 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.

9/8/2012 - 9/9/2012

### Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta

6:30am-10am both days, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Events include a daily balloon ascension and the



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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.

9/8/2012 (tentative)

### 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.

9/29/2012

### 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: [director@sierracountynewmexico.info](mailto:director@sierracountynewmexico.info).

9/23/2012

### Elephant Man Triathlon

8 am, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. An intermediate distance triathlon comprised of 2 courses - the Long Course, a combination of a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run (starts at 7am), and the Short Course - a 1 mile swim, a 26.5 mile bike, and a 6 mile run (starts at 8am). A youth race is held on the previous night. Expanded field allows for 350 entrants. See the website for more info. Park admission fees apply. Info: [www.elephantmantriathlon.com](http://www.elephantmantriathlon.com). Contact: Kori Mannon, 575-744-0055 or [kori@valornet.com](mailto:kori@valornet.com).

10/13/2012 - 10/14/2012

### Sierra County Fair

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

10/26/2012 - 10/28/2012 (tentative)

### 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: Berry Cox, 575-894-1506 or Nadene Tow, 575-894-9838 or [sadacox11@windstream.net](mailto:sadacox11@windstream.net).

11/10/2012 (tentative)

### 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.



11/10/2012 (tentative)

### 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 a fee. **Contact:** Sam Shannon, 575-894-4222.

12/1/2012

### 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:** Melody Sears, [melody21@windstream.net](mailto:melody21@windstream.net).

12/7/2012

### Old-Fashioned Christmas

6pm - 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).

12/8/2012

### 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.