



# Sierra County New Mexico's 2018 Annual Events

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2/23/2018 - 2/24/2018

## 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:** Connie Siffring, 575-894-2959.

5/4/2018 - 5/6/2018

## 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:** [annualtorcfiesta.com](http://annualtorcfiesta.com). **Contact:** Susan Curry, [sc092448@gmail.com](mailto:sc092448@gmail.com), 575-894-6863 or [info@annualtorcfiesta.com](mailto:info@annualtorcfiesta.com).

5/11/2018 - 5/13/2018

## Truth or Consequences Hot Springs Festival

Downtown Truth or Consequences' commercial and hot springs districts. The Hot Springs Festival is a celebration of Truth or Consequences' original claim to fame—its natural hot springs and local mineral bath facilities—as well as a healthy lifestyle, alternative medicine, and sustainable living. **Info:** [hotspringsfestival.com](http://hotspringsfestival.com). **Contact:** T or C Main Street, Linda deMarino, [director@torcmainstreet.org](mailto:director@torcmainstreet.org).

4/28/2018

## Truth or Consequences Fiesta Golf Tournament

Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course. 2-man team format, limited to 39 paid teams. Saturday play is at T or C Municipal Course, Sunday play is at Sierra del Rio, Elephant Butte. Drink specials on Friday night in Truth or Consequences, dinner Saturday night at the Sierra del Rio Restaurant. **Contact:** T or C Municipal Golf Course, Terry Taylor, [terrytaylor1010@gmail.com](mailto:terrytaylor1010@gmail.com), 575-894-2603.

5/18/2018 - 5/20/2018

## Kayak Fishing Tournament

Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Nearly \$4,000 in prizes are awarded in this fishing tournament that is open to anglers in any kind of motorless water craft: canoe, kayak, rowboat, etc. Prize categories include largest & smallest largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye. **Info:** [ziakayaks.com](http://ziakayaks.com). **Contact:** Russ Trager, 575-744-4185.



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6/2/2018

## Winston-Chloride-Dusty-Chiz 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:** Sharon Luna, [wccd-nm@outlook.com](mailto:wccd-nm@outlook.com), 575-743-0151.

6/9/2018

## Elephant Butte Chili Challenge Cook-Off

5 am, Elephant Butte Community Center. 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. Fundraiser for 'Friends of Elephant Butte.' **Contact:** Brenda Nelson, [25express505@gmail.com](mailto:25express505@gmail.com), 505-604-5046.

6/16/2018 - 6/17/2018

## 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:** Mike Kmatz, [mnckmatz@windstream.net](mailto:mnckmatz@windstream.net), 575-740-2261.

6/30/2018 (rain date 7/1/2018)

## 4th of July Fireworks at the Lake

Dusk, 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.

8/25/2018 - 8/26/2018

## Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta

6:30am-10am both days, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Events include a daily balloon ascension and if weather allows, balloon glows in the evening. Cost: park entrance fee. Sponsored by EBBR.org. **Contact:** Jimmy McCarthy, [info@ebbr.org](mailto:info@ebbr.org), 505-908-0909.

9/7/2018 - 9/9/2018

## Elephant Days

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



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9/22/2018

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

8am - 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. Begins with a pancake breakfast, ends with the awards lunch, fishing in between. It's 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:** Will Dooley, [will.dooley@lagorico.com](mailto:will.dooley@lagorico.com), 575-744-5567.

10/3/2018 - 10/7/2018

### Sierra County Fair

Sierra County Fair Barn. Arts, crafts, livestock, food vendors, community groups and fun. **Contact:** Sierra County Extension Service, 575-894-2375, [sierracofair@gmail.com](mailto:sierracofair@gmail.com).

10/10/2018 - 10/13/2018

### 28th Annual Chile Challenge 4-Wheel Drive Trail Event

Caballo Lake State Park and the Caballo Mountains, Old Highway 187 (19 miles south of Truth or Consequences). An opportunity for 4-wheel drive operators of all levels to participate in trail rides in a supervised, nationally-recognized, 4-wheeling event. Camping, camaraderie, family-friendly. **Info:** [chilechallenge.org](http://chilechallenge.org). **Contact:** Jim Kinnerup, 575-571-6551.

11/10/2018

### 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:** New Mexico State Veterans' Home, 575-894-4222.

11/10/2018

### 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! **Info:** [torcveteransmemorial.com](http://torcveteransmemorial.com). **Contact:** Hamilton Military Museum, [thewall@windstream.net](mailto:thewall@windstream.net), 575-894-7640.



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12/1/2018

## Hillsboro's Christmas in the Foothills

10am - 4pm, Hillsboro Community Center, Eleanora Street, Hillsboro. A festival featuring the famous \$49.99 art sale, raffles, food and vendors selling handmade holiday wares. **Contact:** Anne Anders, CITF Committee of the HCC, [awama123@gmail.com](mailto:awama123@gmail.com).

12/7/2018

## 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:** [torcmainstreet.org](http://torcmainstreet.org). **Contact:** [director@torcmainstreet.org](mailto:director@torcmainstreet.org).

12/8/2018

## Elephant Butte Luminaria Beachwalk

The Luminaria Walk, sponsored by Friends of Elephant Butte Lake State Park and Elephant Butte Lake State Park, features 3000 thousand luminarias lining paths on the beach leading to community-sponsored campsites with posole, chile, cocoa, cookies, s'mores, and more! Join the carolers, visit Santa or stop by the The Steel Soldiers' campsite to make a donation to Make-A-Wish. State Park day use entrance fees apply. **Contact:** Jasen Kershaw, Elephant Butte Lak State Park, 575-744-5923.

12/8/2018

## Floating Parade of Lights

Dusk, Elephant Butte Lake State Park. The beautiful on-the-water parade begins at 6:30pm. **Contact:** Will Dooley, 575-894-2041, [will.dooley@lagorico.com](mailto:will.dooley@lagorico.com).