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- Texas Crab Festival benefiting Bolivar Peninsula Charities -

Our mission is to increase educational and career opportunities for Bolivar Peninsula residents of all ages, and to support local organizations that further the goal of improving the lives of the residents.

Texas Crab Festival Official 2026 Schedule of Events

The official schedule of events has just been released and is packed with tons of “Gulf Coast Family FUN”. Don’t miss the 41st annual **Texas Crab Festival** at Swedes Park on the Bolivar Peninsula this Mother’s Day weekend.

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

4 p.m. Festival Opening - Browse the nearly 100 vendor/artisan and food booths
6 - 6:15 p.m. Opening Ceremony-National Anthem at the Flag Pole
6:15 - 7:45 p.m. **Michael Farrell** on the Main Stage brought to you by DeMontrond RV
8:30 - 10 p.m. **The Texas Thunder Band** on the Main Stage brought to you by DeMontrond RV
10 p.m. Festival Closing

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH - OPENING EARLY

12 Noon Opening (**Please note the earlier opening time**) Browse the nearly 100 vendor/artisan and food booths
Scavenger Hunt Sign Up at the T-Shirt Booth (Friday & Saturday)
6:15 - 7:45 p.m. **Teague Brothers Band** on the Main Stage brought to you by RTA
6 p.m. Horseshoe Tournament at the Horseshoe Pits
7:45 - 8:30 p.m. 2-Step Dance Contest on the Dance Floor. Brought to you by Crystal Beach Marketing (1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies & Cash)
8:30 - 10 p.m. **Josh Ward** on the Main Stage
10 p.m. Festival Closing

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

8 a.m. 5K/1K/0.0K brought to you by Prestige Builders and hosted by Camp Margaritaville, Crystal Beach, TX
10 a.m. Festival Opens - Browse the nearly 100 vendor/artisan and food booths
Scavenger Hunt Sign Up at the T-Shirt Booth (Friday & Saturday)
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Wiener Dog Races brought to you by Seacoast Surveyors (1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies & Cash in front of the Main Stage)
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Kevin Wright & David Varnado** LIVE at the Pavilion
11:30 a.m. Gumbo Tasting brought to you by Ship’s Wheel at the Pavilion (1st, 2nd, 3rd & People’s Choice Trophies & Cash)
12:30 1:30 p.m. CRAB LEGS Contest on the Dance Floor (Trophies for Champion in five age categories)
1 p.m. Kids Magic Show by “Texas Magic Ambassador” David Wonders
Washers Tournament (Cash Prizes) Washers Court
1:30 - 3 p.m. **J.A.G.** on the Main Stage brought to you by the Gulf Coast Market “The Big Store”
3 - 3:45 p.m. Boudin Ball Eating Contest brought to you by Tia Juanita’s Fish Camp/Tia’s Ocean Grill at the main Dance Floor
3:45 - 5:15 p.m. **Mudflats** on the Main Stage brought to you by the Gulf Coast Market “The Big Store”
4 p.m. Cornhole Tournament brought to you by Hardheads (Cash Prizes) Cornhole Court
5:15 p.m. Kids Magic Show by “Texas Magic Ambassador” David Wonders
6 - 7:30 p.m. **Catalina Wine Mixer** brought to you by Gulf Coast Market “The Big Store”
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. LIVE Auction on the Dance Floor
8:30 - 10 p.m. **Shinyribs** on the Main Stage
10 p.m. Festival Closing

To purchase tickets please visit: txcrabfest.org

Special Thanks to all of our 2026 Partners for making this year’s event possible.

Presenting Partners: DeMontrond RV, Gulf Coast Market “The Big Store”, Coors Light, RTA, Swedes Real Estate, Island Liquor, COBB Real Estate, Texaco Winnie, Cody & CJ

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