

2026 Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 7th

8:00 a.m. – RHAA Competition - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Show - **(AEL Round Building & Modern Living Mall)**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.* Trade Show - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Food Vendors and Outside Non-Food Vendors Open

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Trade Show - **(AEP Texas Big Country Hall &
Capital Farm Credit Display Building)**

12:00 p.m. – Bars Open

6:30 p.m. - Parade - **(Downtown Abilene)**

8:00 p.m. Cowboy Poetry Under the Stars Sponsored by Frontier Texas - **(Chuckwagon Area)**

Friday, May 8th

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.** Trade Show - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Show - **(AEP Round Building & Modern Living Mall)**

8:00 a.m. - RHAA Ranch Horse Competition Finals - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Food Vendors and Outside Non-Food Vendors Open

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Trade Show - **(AEP Texas Big Country Hall &
Capital Farm Credit Display Building)**

10:00 a.m. – Bars Open

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cowboy Music **(Outdoor Entertainment Pavilion)**

1:00 p.m. - Chuckwagon Cookoff - Wagon Authenticity Judging - **(Chuckwagon Area)**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Horse Sale Happy Hour – **(First Financial Pavilion)**

7:00 p.m. - Rhinestone Round Up **(Guitar Arena)**

8:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

Saturday, May 9th

8:00 a.m. Chuckwagon Cookoff Competition and Judging Sponsored by HEB - **(Chuckwagon Area)**

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.** Trade Show - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Trade Show - **(AEP Texas Big Country Hall & Capital Farm Credit Display Building)**

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Food Vendors and Outside Non-Food Vendors Open

**Conclusion of RHAA Competition or 5 p.m. (Whichever is later) ** Conclusion of Ranch Rodeo*

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8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Show - **(AEL Round Building & Modern Living Mall)**

7:30 a.m. – 12 Noon Children's Activities- **(First Financial Pavilion)**

7:30 a.m. Packet Pick-Up - All Age Groups

8:45 a.m. Grand Entry & Haney Cannon Stickhorse Rodeo

9:10 a.m. Best Dressed Cowgirl & Cowboy

-Immediately following Best Dressed- Rodeo ages 3-4, Rodeo ages 5-6, Rodeo ages 7-9, --Steer Dummy Roping

-Immediately following the Children's Activities - "Six White Horse" rides

9:30 a.m. - WHC Invitational Ranch Horse Sale- **(First Financial Pavilion)**

10:00 a.m. – Bars Open

11:00 a.m. - WHC Top Dog Competition - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Cowboy Music - **(Outdoor Entertainment Pavilion)**

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Chuckwagon Cookoff • (Lunch Served) **(Chuckwagon Area)**

1:00 p.m. - Old Time Fiddlers Contest **(Capital Farm Credit Display Building)**

2:00 p.m. - Registration for Matched Horse Races **(Southeast Grounds)**

3:00 p.m. - Chuckwagon Cookoff Results & Awards **(Chuckwagon Area)**

4:00 p.m. - Matched Horse Race World Finals • **(Southeast Grounds)**

8:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

10:00 p.m. - Rodeo Champion Awards - **(Taylor Telecom Arena)**

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Jake Hooker and the Outsiders – **(Entertainment Pavilion)**

Sunday, May 10th

9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church Service - **(Chuckwagon Area Tents)**

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