

FESTIVAL CALENDAR

Please call the El Campo Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 979-543-2713, for the most current information on these and other activities.

January

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest
KC Council #2490 hosts annual contest. Boys and girls ages 10-14 can participate.

El Campo Chamber of Commerce Banquet
Presentation of the annual Citizen of the Year and Achiever of the Year awards. Dinner, at the El Campo Civic Center, also includes a guest speaker. Third Thursday in January.

Senior Serve

Popular, fun annual steak dinner and talent show put on by El Campo High School students to raise funds for Project Graduation. Last Sunday in January at the El Campo Civic Center.

February

Danevang VFD Dance, Raffle & Auction
Dance at the El Campo Knights of Columbus Hall. Third Saturday in February.

March

Heat It Up For Hospice

Heat It Up For Hospice barbecue cook-off. Live music and food at this 2-day event benefiting terminally ill patients and their families. March 9 and 10.

Rotary Club Dinner & Auction

Annual seafood dinner and benefit auction. Event at the El Campo Civic Center includes drawings for prizes. March 15.

Louise/Hillje Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet

Annual banquet begins with a social hour and silent auction, followed by dinner and a program. Citizen and Educator of Year are awarded. March 22 at St. Andrew's Church Hall in Hillje.

El Campo VFD Oyster Supper

One of El Campo's largest, most popular fund-raisers. Held March 12 at Fire Training Field.

April

Wharton County Youth Fair Cook-Off
Event opens the annual Wharton County Youth Fair. Held at the Wharton County Youth Fairgrounds in Crescent. April 13-14.

Wharton County Youth Fair

Featuring livestock and creative arts competitions, rodeo, carnival and numerous events daily. April 22-28. Fair includes an annual banquet honoring Agricultural Person of the Year, Rice Farmer of the Year, Row Crop Farmer of the Year and Cattleman of the Year.

Danevang, Danish Capital of Texas

Danevang Heritage Preservation Society celebration of Queen Margrethe's April 16th birthday and Earth Day at Danevang Community Hall Sunday, April 22. Includes Scandinavian Folk Dancers, song fest, outdoor games and a traditional Danish meal.

Hispanic Education Project Banquet

Hispanic Education Project Annual Scholarship Banquet. Event, held at the El Campo Civic Center, begins with hospitality hour, followed by dinner and program. April 7.

April

Beta Tau Omega Easter Eggstravaganza
Event at Evans Park features an egg hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny and refreshments.

May

Betty Jo Prasek Fishing Tournament
Large tournament, by the Hillje/Louise Knights of Columbus Council #9394. Event includes naming of Outdoorsman of the Year. May 5.

June

Memorial Day Ceremony

Ceremony held at El Campo American Legion Recreation Center on S.H. 71 South. Veterans' graves marked with small U.S. Flags. May 28.

Juneteenth

Events change annually; see El Campo Leader-News for details. Past events have included a parade, cook-off, camp-out, pageant and trail ride.

Antique Tractor Pull and Show

Ricebelt Antique Tractor Pull & Show. Annual event a showcase for antique tractors. Held at American Legion Expansion Grounds, raises funds for Disabled American Veterans Post 72 VA hospital transport van service. June 16-17.

El Campo Summer Art Show

Annual El Campo Summer Art Show. Dates vary; held at the El Campo Civic Center.

Flag Day

Annual Elks Lodge Flag Day event in Evans Park features patriotic songs and speeches. June 14.

Farmers Market

Wharton County Farmers Market held in El Campo every Tuesday through the month of June and July, from 5-7 p.m. at Evans Park. The fall market is every Tuesday in November and December.

J.P. Pustejovsky Memorial Fishing Tournament

Event benefits El Campo Volunteer Fire Department, held June 16.

CCA 20th Banquet

Annual Coastal Conservation Association Matagorda Bay chapter event, held fourth Thursday in June at El Campo Civic Center.

July

Country Rollerz Car Show

Annual Country Rollerz Car Show is free to the public. All proceeds donated go to the El Campo Boys & Girls Club.

September

Rice Belt Coin Club Show

Annual event, held at American Legion hall. Free admission, door prizes. Dealer tables available.

100 Club Awards Banquet

The 100 Club of Wharton County each September has an awards banquet for the El Campo and Wharton police departments, sheriff's department and DPS. Awards include "Officers of the Year" and "Citizens of the Year." Will be held at the El Campo Civic Center. Date TBA. Free to paid members.

September

Under The Wire Fly-In, Louise

Annual event featuring about 100 specialty and restored vintage airplanes, held on a private airstrip outside Louise. Open to the public. September 15-16.

Louise Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest and Barbecue Cook-Off

Held September 28-29 in Louise, next to First State Bank of Louise on Business 59.

Ducks Unlimited Banquet

Ducks Unlimited annual banquet held to raise funds for conservation efforts. Held Sept. 26 at the El Campo Civic Center.

October

Taiton Community Center's Fall Festival

Features food, auction, raffle, turkey shoot, Bingo, kiddie rides and games and free dance. October 7 at Taiton Community Center.

Wharton County Relay for Life

Event held each year to remember cancer victims, honor survivors and benefit the American Cancer Society. Adult and youth teams walk laps around football stadium's track during 24-hour event, held in alternate years in El Campo.

Theta Delta Pumpkin Patch

Colorful, popular annual fundraiser features pumpkins of every size and shape available for sale. October 13.

Snag, Tag & Brag

Boys & Girls Club of El Campo major fundraiser of the year. Event features dinner with reserved seating, raffle, live auction.

Church World Service Crop Walk

Sponsored by Church World Service, held the third Saturday in October, some proceeds benefit local food pantry. October 20.

November

Veterans Day Celebration

Held at American Legion Hall, includes supper, raffles, auctions.

15th Harvest Retrospective Breakfast

Annual event highlighting agriculture held at El Campo Civic Center November 14.

Community-Wide Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Intercultural, interfaith event held at El Campo Civic Center. Includes traditional meal, door prizes, live music. November 22.

December

Carol of Lights Christmas Parade

Traditional lighted parade is the kick-off of holiday season, held at night, Thursday, December 6. Sponsored by the El Campo Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

El Campo Chamber of Commerce Christmas Mall
Held at El Campo Civic Center December 1 and 2, featuring more than 100 booths.

Pilot Club of El Campo Breakfast With Santa
First Saturday in December at St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Taiton. Photos with Santa, booths, games and a raffle.