



# Grainger County Tomato Festival

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*(Photos available upon request)*

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What: Grainger County Tomato Festival

When: July 23-25, 2010

Where: Rutledge Middle School, HWY 11W, Rutledge, TN *(former High School)*

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Grainger County Tomato Festival

Rutledge Middle School, HWY 11W, Rutledge, TN – One of East Tennessee's largest free festivals. Fun for the whole family. Events include the famous TOMATO WARS and Mater Madness 5K run on Saturday, Art Show & Living History, antique agricultural equipment, Ridge Runner's car show on Saturday, beauty pageant, regional authors, and three stages of continuous music. There is plenty of good food, FRESH Grainger County Tomatoes and other produce.

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## Tomatoes & More!

RUTLEDGE, TENNESSEE - The Grainger County Tomato Festival, one of East Tennessee's largest free festivals, will be held on July 23-25, 2010, at Rutledge Middle School *(former High School)*, Highway 11W, Rutledge, Tennessee. No Admission - No Parking Charge- Come and feel the fun!

The Art Show will include original art of all descriptions and a living history exhibit. There will be working artists, historians, and regional authors. Come share in our creativity and learn about the area's past.

The Old Time Vesper Service will be held Sunday at 10 AM. The Farmer's Area will feature farming throughout Grainger County's history as well as an assortment of old time farm machinery, some of which will be in operation. A Civil War encampment, corn shuck doll making, quilt making, grain grinding and other period demonstrations will also be on hand. Children will have a chance to play a variety of old fashioned games, as well as some modern ones.

The famous Tomato Wars, which happens at 10am on Saturday, will have rotten tomatoes flying all over the place at 40 mph. All funds raised at the wars go directly to the Grainger County Special Olympics. Other special events include a Mater Madness 5K run and car show on Saturday, the Tennessee Army National Guard rock climbing wall and a beauty pageant. There will be three stages of entertainment with continuous live music & dancing, in addition to numerous food, commercial and arts & crafts vendors. The Lakeway Amateur Radio Club will be operating a radio station during the festival. The Grainger County Opry, featuring local musical talent, will be held Friday night at 7 PM, (ticket required for this event). Proceeds from the festival help support local non-profit organizations, local craftsman and area tomato growers.

**Large quantities of fresh Grainger County tomatoes, as well as other local fruits and vegetables will be available for sale and onsite consumption!**

For more information, or vendor applications - visit [www.graingercountytomatofestival.com](http://www.graingercountytomatofestival.com).

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