

RULES FOR MARDI GRAS PARADE PARTICIPANTS

PARADE LINE-UP BEGINS NOON (12pm) PARADE BEGINS 2:00pm SHARP
(Berry Avenue & Mechanic Street Become 1-Way after 12pm)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO INSURE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PARADE.

1. Entry fee of \$20 (to cover Parade Special Event Insurance) and an entry form needs to be submitted by all participants. Once entry forms are submitted, you will be contacted with your assigned line-up number on or before entry deadline date. This number will be written on a large card and will be issued the day of the parade. This number must be placed on the outside of the windshield on the passenger side.
2. All entries are to be decorated for Mardi Gras; costumes are encouraged and throwing of beads or candy is required. Please be sure to throw beads far enough so that people behind barricades can reach them without moving barricades.
3. Suggestion Mardi-Gras Parade spectators prefer beads over candy!!
4. If your entry has a long trailer or is a truck & trailer/marching unit combination, indicate on the entry form to insure there is enough space for each participant. Each space is 30 feet long.
5. Floats with numerous riders need to arrange getting their participants to their assigned parade locations. ****Individual vehicle delivery of riders will not be allowed down the parade route.** Designate an assembly point if multiple riders if needed. Tell your riders in advance your assigned street number and approximate location on Berry or Mechanic Streets; lost riders searching for a float could have a long walk.
6. **Due to liability and safety concerns, there will be no stopping during the parade to perform.**
7. Unloading of participants is allowed after turning off of the South end of 3rd Street after passing the KCS Depot.
8. During line up for the parade, Berry Avenue and Mechanic Street will become one way beginning at noon (12:00pm). Traffic will go South on Berry from Leesville High School. Enter line-up on Mechanic and Berry via Miller or Belview Streets. A map of the parade route is available upon request.
9. A single entry judged "Best of Parade" will be given an award.
10. **Please do not allow participants to walk back up the parade route (on the street) during the parade.**
11. Alcoholic beverages, weapons, or offensive materials are strictly prohibited.

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In the case of severe inclement weather a decision to cancel will be made by 11 am.
Alternate parade date will be Sunday at 3 pm with line-up beginning at 1 pm.