



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH™

Parade Participant Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Organization/Business _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Contact Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Driver listed below must be the driver participating in the parade and be 19 years of age or older and attend mandatory driver's meeting.

Name of Driver _____

Driver License Number _____

Name of backup driver (should original driver not be available) _____

Driver License Number _____

Drivers are subject to a background check. Please list any moving violation that may have occurred in the past 24 months. Put "N/A" if this does not apply to you. False information or failure of attending mandatory driver's meeting will result in the rejection of entry for this parade and future events hosted by the City of Gulf Shores.

Violations: _____

How many vehicles will your entry consist of (this includes any follow vehicles): _____

Tag number of all participating vehicles: _____

How many floats will your entry consist of: _____

Year/Make and Model of each participating vehicle: _____

Length of each vehicle: _____ Length of each float: _____

MUST HAVE 1 WALKER PER 10FT. ON EACH SIDE OF ENTRY. EX: 40FT =4 WALKERS; 50FT=5WALKERS

Will entry include music: YES or NO

If YES: RECORDED or LIVE

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND MAIL WITH A COPY OF PROOF OF INSURANCE OF ALL VEHICLES PARTICIPATING IN PARADE.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: City of Gulf Shores Special Events Department
Erica Bassett
P.O. Box 299
Gulf Shores, AL 36547
Phone #: 251-968-1434

OR EMAIL TO: ebassett@gulfshoresal.gov

By signing this application, the above organization/business agrees to hold harmless and release the City of Gulf Shores from any and all responsibility and liability of any nature resulting from participation in this event. The City reserves the right to remove people and dismiss entries of this event for public safety. By signing below, the above organization/business acknowledges that it has read and agrees to abide by the attached copy of the General Parade Rules & Regulations. Any violations to the rules will result in immediate dismissal from the parade.

Authorized Signature

Date

Please check parade applying for:

I am participating in the 2018 Lighted Christmas Parade on Friday, December 7th beginning at 6:30PM.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 3rd, 2018

Any entry submitted after this date will be subject to pay a \$20 entry fee

I am participating in the 2018 Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday, February 13th beginning at 10:00AM.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 6th, 2018

****All entries are required to pay a \$100 application fee per float upon completion of application
Checks only made available to City of Gulf Shores. Checks will be cashed following application approval.****

General Parade Rules and Regulations

1. The driver from each entry is required to attend the Parade Participation Meeting on Tuesday, November 28th. The meeting will be held at the Activity Center beginning at 6:00PM. It is during this time that you will receive specific instructions about the route, where your entry will start, where your entry will end, etc.
2. SAFETY shall be the number one priority for all entries:
 - A. Candy/Throws are to be tossed underhanded TO the spectators, not AT the spectators.
 - B. Children participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult Group Leader.
 - C. All entries will be required to provide 1 adult walker per 10Ft to ensure that no one darts into parade traffic.
3. All floats must be family friendly and be no taller than 13ft
4. There are to be **NO OPEN ALCOHOLIC CONTAINERS** inside any vehicle. If any driver is suspected of having been drinking or to be drinking at the present time, your entry will be disqualified immediately with no questions asked.
5. When driving the parade route, all drivers must maintain at least a 2 car length distance from the participant in front of them and maintain a speed of 5 to 7 mph.
6. Please bring a flash light and fire extinguisher for emergencies
7. **DO NOT THROW CANDY IN THE STAGING AREA.** We understand that the float riders, particularly the children, get very excited as the floats begin to roll out. However, candy/throws thrown in the staging area is extremely dangerous and has caused people to fall. PLEASE make sure your riders are aware of this rule.
8. Motorcycles, four wheelers and ATV's are prohibited other than those used by law enforcement.
9. No person shall ride on the exterior of an automobile during a parade, except that one person may ride on the back of a convertible automobile.
10. Any violation of these rules and regulations will result in immediate dismissal of event.
11. Should there be any changes, delays or cancellations due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances all participants will be emailed in a timely manner.
12. Lastly, **HAVE FUN!** These rules are for your safety and help to ensure the parade is a success for everyone.

Additional Rules for the Lighted Christmas Parade

1. The Parade will start at 6:30PM on the first Friday of December.
2. All parade entries acknowledge that the City of Gulf Shores is the only participant allowed to have any physical representation of Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause in and/or around the parade route and beach event.
3. All parade entries acknowledge that their floats should arrive ready and already loaded with throws to their designated location. Any riders or throws must be dropped off at designated locations. Other than the actual parade entry, no one else will have access to the parade lineup location.
4. It is mandatory for the driver of each parade entry to attend the Parade Participation Meeting on Tuesday, December 4th. The meeting will be held at the Activity Center beginning at 6:00PM. It is during this time that you will receive specific instructions about the route, where your entry will start, where your entry will end, etc.
5. No driver or back up driver who has not attended the mandatory parade participation meeting will be allowed to operate a vehicle in the parade.
6. Only those entries approved by the Parade Committee will be allowed to participate. Example of entries which would NOT BE APPROVED would include: entries deemed to be in bad taste, offensive, lewd, etc.
7. All entries must be lit, family friendly and no taller than 12ft.

Additional Rules for the Mardi Gras Parade

1. The Mardi Gras Parade will start at 10:00AM on Fat Tuesday.
2. All parade entries acknowledge that their floats should arrive ready and already loaded with throws to their designated location. Any riders or throws must be dropped off at designated locations. Other than the actual parade entry, no one else will have access to the parade lineup location.
3. It is mandatory for the driver of each parade entry to attend the Parade Participation Meeting on Thursday, February 8th 2018. The meeting will be held at the Activity Center beginning at 6:00PM. It is during this time that you will receive specific instructions about the route, where your entry will start, where your entry will end, etc.
4. No driver or back up driver who has not attended the mandatory parade participation meeting will be allowed to operate a vehicle in the parade.
5. Only those entries approved by the Parade Committee will be allowed to participate. Example of entries which would NOT BE APPROVED would include: entries deemed to be in bad taste, offensive, lewd, etc.
6. All floats must be family friendly, and be no taller than 12ft
7. Should there be any changes, delays or cancellations due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances all participants will be emailed in a timely manner.