

Parade Rules and Regulations

1. 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.
2. All floats must have family friendly content and be no taller than 13ft.
3. **NO OPEN ALCOHOLIC CONTAINERS** are permitted inside any vehicle. If any driver is suspected to have been drinking or to be drinking at the present time, your organization and entry will be disqualified from participation immediately with no questions asked.
4. When driving the parade route, all drivers must maintain a distance of 50ft. or less from the participant in front at all times.
5. A flash light and fire extinguisher is required in case of emergency.
6. **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, throwing candy/throws in the staging area is extremely dangerous. PLEASE make sure your riders are aware of this rule.
7. Motorcycles, four wheelers and ATV's are prohibited except those used by public safety officials.
8. 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.
9. All applications will be considered but applying does NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE for entry into the parade. Make sure to fully complete the application. Your application will be reviewed and if approved, you will be contacted by email. By completing and signing the application for your organization you are assuming responsibility for your organization and release the City of Gulf Shores from any claim or expense arising out of activity as a parade participant.
10. **SAFETY WALKERS** are mandatory for your float/vehicle. The City of Gulf Shores requires participants to have 1 walker per wheel (including pulling vehicle) that is 19 years of age or older. The Safety Walkers are to maintain a position alongside the float/vehicle near the wheels and prevent participants and/or spectators from being struck or run over. Safety Walkers must be able to notify their driver of any problem requiring immediate action for the safety of all. Safety Walkers are not to distribute, hand or throw any items at or into the audience. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all Safety Walkers meet these requirements and understand their responsibilities.
11. **FLOAT RIDERS.** It is the responsibility of the float participant/sponsor/captain to arrange for pick-up of float riders and throws. No vehicles, other than official parade entries are allowed in the lineup area.
12. A representative from each organization is required to sign the PARADE WAIVER FORM accepting responsibility for the actions of the entire organization. By signing the Parade Application, the representative agrees to abide by the General Parade Rules and Regulations. Representative further agrees that he/she has provided a copy of the General Parade Rules and Regulations to everyone in the organization including the driver of the tow vehicle.
13. The City of Gulf Shores does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, national origin or religious belief, however, political, advertising, or ideological statements may not be made or distributed from or by any marchers, floats, performing units, or exhibitors.

14. No entries will be accepted that, in the opinion of a reasonable person, may be deemed derogatory, obscene or in bad taste.
15. Any violation of these General Parade Rules and Regulations will result in immediate dismissal from the parade and/or a fine.
16. Should there be any change, delay or cancellation due to weather or other unforeseen circumstance participants will be emailed in a timely manner.

Additional Rules for the 2022 Mardi Gras Parade

1. The Mardi Gras Parade will start at 10:00AM on Fat Tuesday, March 1st
2. All entries must submit a one to two paragraph description detailing the organization that could be used for live media coverage of the event.
3. It is mandatory for the driver of each parade entry and the parade applicant to attend the Parade Participation Meeting on *Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022* The meeting will be held at the Gulf Shores Activity Center (160 Clubhouse Drive) beginning at 6:00PM. At this time you will receive specific instructions pertaining to the route; your particular starting and ending location, etc.
4. Any driver or back up driver not attending the mandatory parade participation meeting will not 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, unsafe, etc.
6. No singular vehicle, except official emergency vehicles and approved follow vehicles will be permitted. All vehicles must pull a float. All floats must be family friendly, and be no taller than 13ft.



2022 Mardi Gras Parade

Participant Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Organization/Business _____

Address _____

Contact Name _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ 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 parade 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 to attend mandatory driver's meeting shall result rejection of application for this parade and future events hosted by the City of Gulf Shores.

Violations: _____

How many floats will your entry consist of? _____

How many vehicle(s) will your entry consist of (this includes any follow vehicles)? _____

Tag number(s) of all participating vehicle(s)? _____

Year/Make and Model of each participating vehicle(s)? _____

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

DESCRIBE UNIT (i.e. Float, Specialty Unit, Marching Band, Equestrian Unit, etc.) please be accurate, this information is used for staging purposes:

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND ENTRY – TO BE READ BY TV/RADIO ANNOUNCER AT REVIEWING STAND:

SAFETY WALKERS (SPOTTERS) are mandatory for your parade entry. The City of Gulf Shores requires participants to have 1 Safety Walker per wheel (including float and pulling vehicle) that is 19 years of age or older. Safety Walkers are to maintain a position alongside the float/vehicle near the wheels to prevent participants and/or spectators from being struck. Walkers must be able to notify their driver of a problem requiring immediate action for the safety of all. Walkers are not allowed to carry or throw items. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all walkers meet these requirements and comply.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN BY MAIL ALONG WITH A CURRENT COPY OF PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR ALL VEHICLES PARTICIPATING IN THE 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 resulting from participation in this event. The City reserves the right to remove participants and dismiss entries from this event for public safety. By signing below, the above Organization/Business acknowledges that it has provided its organization with a copy of the 2020 rules and regulations and agrees to abide by them. Any violations will result in immediate dismissal from the parade.

Authorized Signature

Date

Please include my Organization/Business in the 2022 Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday, March 1st beginning at 10:00AM.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21st, 2022

****All entries are required to pay a \$100 application fee per float at the time of making application...checks only, made payable to: City of Gulf Shores. Checks will be cashed upon approval of application.****



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2022 CITY OF GULF SHORES MARDI GRAS PARADE

IN CONSIDERATION OF MY ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND AS A CONDITION TO ITS BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE, I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS A DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE ORGANIZATION/ SPONSOR, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR , MYSELF, AND ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR'S PARADE PARTICIPANTS , HEREBY RELEASE, ACQUIT AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ITS FORMER AND PRESENT ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES (IN BOTH THEIR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPACITIES), VOLUNTEERS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, AND ALL AFFILIATED PERSONS AND ENTITIES (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY "GULF SHORES"), OF, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, IN CONTRACT OR TORT, UNDER STATUTORY OR COMMON LAW OR PURSUANT TO THE ALABAMA OR UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION(S) (INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COSTS, AND ATTORNEYS' FEES), KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, LOSSES, JUDGMENTS, FINES, DEMANDS, DAMAGES, LOSS OF USE OR SERVICES, OR INJURIES TO REAL AND/OR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND/OR PERSONS (INCLUDING DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY "CLAIMS"), ARISING OUT OF, TOUCHING UPON OR IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THE PARADE AND/OR THE PRESENCE, MALFUNCTION, MAINTENANCE, ADDITION, SUBSTITUTION, USE OR CONDITION OF ANY TANGIBLE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, OPERATED, OR UTILIZED BY GULF SHORES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARADE AND I FURTHER AGREE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR , MYSELF, AND ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR'S PARADE PARTICIPANTS TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS GULF SHORES, OF, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ASSERTED BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY AGAINST GULF SHORES WHETHER ARISING OUT OF, TOUCHING UPON OR IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THE PARADE AND/OR THE PRESENCE, MALFUNCTION, MAINTENANCE, ADDITION, SUBSTITUTION, USE OR CONDITION OF ANY TANGIBLE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, OPERATED, OR UTILIZED BY GULF SHORES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARADE EVEN IF THE CLAIM IS THE RESULT OF THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF GULF SHORES AND/OR THE RESULT OF THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF GULF SHORES, AND/OR THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED JOINT OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF GULF SHORES AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY, AND/OR THE ACTUAL OR ALLEGED STRICT, STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY OF GULF SHORES.

I hereby grant permission to the City of Gulf Shores for the use of any photographs, motion pictures, or recordings of the Organization/Sponsor's Parade Participants for any legitimate purpose, and I represent and warrant that I have the consent and agreement of all of the Organization/Sponsor's Parade Participants to the grant of such permission.

PLEASE PRINT:

ORGANIZATION/SPONSOR

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip