

General Instructions for Parade Drivers

The staging area will be in the parking lot just west of Loafin' Joes on Mountain Street (211 W. Mountain). Check in time for all entries is 12:30 pm. The parade rolls at 2:00 pm sharp.

- Bring a fully-charged cell phone.
- Arrive at the staging area no later than 12:30 pm.
- You will be directed at the parking lot entrance on where you are to park.
- **Once you are parked, a member of your group MUST report to the registration table (at the entrance) to check in.** If you have not pre-registered, you will need to complete a registration form, and all entries must sign a hold-harmless agreement.
- **You must provide walkers for all motorized entries!** All cars/trucks must have one walker per side, and trailers/floats must have two per side.
- There will be a short training session for walkers at 1:30, ALL walkers must attend! If you have questions about anything, ask them then.
- At 1:45 pm you need to be in the driver's seat, all of your Krewe needs to be in position for the parade, and all walkers need to be in place. When you are told to roll, you must be ready to go. We try to avoid long gaps in the parade if possible.
- **SPEED LIMIT IS 3 MPH!!!** There are usually frequent stops along the parade route. When the parade is moving forward progress is determined by the parade's walkers and walking groups. Vehicles MUST move very slowly. **If you fall behind in the parade, do NOT speed up to close the space. Please stay at 3-5 MPH at all times!**
- Your vehicle must have walkers alongside at **ALL times**. These people are there to prevent injury to spectators running or reaching into the parade route, chasing beads, candy, etc.
- **We will STOP the parade** at the corner of West for a brief ceremony. When that happens, please pull as close as possible to the entry in front of you. **Make sure the road is clear of people before you start rolling again.**
- During the parade you must bear in mind that visibility may be limited, there is a lot going on! It's hard to see everything, so safety must be a group effort. If your entry falls behind, you will catch up the next time the parade slows or stops.
- The parade will disband at the corner of West and Dickson. If you need to break down your float, you may return to the staging lot on Mountain St. However, on the way there, please obey all traffic laws, and do not continue to throw beads, candy, etc.

Contact: 479-601-4219

Police Dispatch: 587-3555, then option 1

All participants are invited to join us for social time following the parade. Ask at the registration table for details.