

General Instructions for Parade Walkers

If you have volunteered to be an official “Parade Walker”, that means you will be assigned an entry in the parade to accompany. **PARADE WALKER DUTIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY, OR DO NOT SERVE AS A WALKER!**

- Bring a fully-charged cell phone.
- **Walkers arrive at the staging area no later than 1:00 pm on parade day.** Report to the sign-in table, where you will be given information about where you are walking.
- Register your name, address, email, and cell phone at the table.
- There will be a short training session for walkers, **ALL walkers must attend!** If you have questions about anything, ask them then.

Parade walkers are assigned to entries, and walk alongside them in the parade to prevent spectators (usually, but not always, the small ones) from running into the path of the vehicle while chasing beads. In general, an auto will have one walker per side, and a trailer/float will have two per side (four total), plus two for their tow vehicle. Stay alongside your vehicle!

Here are your duties:

- **It is your duty to make sure your vehicle, float, etc. is covered at all times, and to keep spectators out of the path of the vehicle – STAY WITH YOUR VEHICLE!** You must walk alongside the vehicle at all times. Pay particular attention to the lead edge of the car or trailer, and the wheels. Also keep an eye on the vehicle in front of you, to help cover the walker there. The parade is a fun but hectic event. It is vital that all of us work to keep the public safe from harm.
- Once the parade reaches the end of the route, you are free to go.
- Some of you may be costumed by a Krewe for the event; these costumes must be returned at the end of the parade, as we use them every year.
- If you are with a service group and need certification of your time, please ask for this at the registration table before the parade begins.

IMPORTANT! We will stop the parade at the end for a brief ceremony. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR VEHICLE IS CLEAR BEFORE ALLOWING IT TO RESUME!!

Contact: 479-601-4219

Police Dispatch: 587-3555, then option 1

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