

## General Instructions for Parade Walkers

If you are walking with a registered group, or have volunteered to be an official “Parade Walker”, you have a very important job. **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; if you are a volunteer walker, 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, small cars will have one walker per side, and large cars, trucks, trailers/floats will have two per side (four total). 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!** 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.

Contact: 479-601-4219

Police Dispatch: 587-3555, then option 1

*All participants are invited to join us for social time following the parade at Tin Roof on Dickson St.!*