



Annual Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade



Monday, March 3rd 2014
11:00 AM
Downtown Biloxi

*The City of Biloxi, the Mardi Gras Museum, & Gulf Coast Carnival Association invite all children ages 12 and younger to participate in the **Annual Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade**. Bikes, skates, skateboards, scooters, and wagons are acceptable. Children are encouraged to be creative, dress in costume and decorate their bikes, wagons, etc. This will give the children the opportunity to use their imagination. The theme for the parade is "Celebrations Around the World"—fun times around the world, Cinco de Mayo, Kwanza, India's Festival of Lights Diwali, Chinese New Year, Mexico's Day of the Dead, Brazil's Carnival, England's May Day, Germany's October Fest, Japan's Cherry Blossom Festival, etc.) The Costume and Float Contest will be judged according to the theme. *The parade will begin at 11:00 AM in the Saenger parking lot at the corner of Reynoir and MLK Blvd. It will turn onto Lameuse traveling south, and end at the Biloxi Town Green.

Participants should arrive in the Saenger Parking Lot to sign in by 10:00 AM. A limited amount of throws will be available for the children. Children are encouraged to bring additional throws. Parents and guardians are welcomed to walk with their children. **Children 9 years of age and younger are required to have a parent/guardian walk with them.**

Applications will be distributed through all Biloxi Schools or can be picked up at the Recreation Office in Hiller Park and the Downtown Services Office located at 932 Howard Ave at the Bond-Grant House. Applications should be returned to the Downtown Services Office or mailed to P.O. Box 253, Biloxi, MS. 39533. Please return applications by **February 14th**. There will be late registration on the day of the parade at 10 AM.

*At the conclusion of the parade the Biloxi Parks and Recreation Department will have refreshments for all participants. **There will be a costume and float contest for individuals immediately following the parade. Trophies & cash prizes will be awarded.** Costume & Float contest will judged according to the theme "Celebrations Around the World". Please support your child by encouraging your family, neighbors and friends to be spectators.

For more information, please call 228-435-6339 or email kmiller@biloxi.ms.us, or fax 228-435-6248. Applications should be returned to the Downtown Services Office or mailed to P.O. Box 253, Biloxi, MS. 39533. Please return applications by **February 14th**. **Rain plan is to move Costume and Float Contest only to Frank Gruich Community Center.**

CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS PARADE APPLICATION (THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT)

PLEASE PRINT & USE INK!!!

One application per child. Please fill out completely or we can not accept!

Child's Name _____ Age _____

School or Group Name _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Cell Phone Number _____

My Child will (check one)

___ Walk ___ Bike ___ Skate ___ Scooter ___ Skateboard ___ Wagon ___ Other

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED

PARENT CONSENT FORM

My child _____ has my permission to participate in the "CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS WALKING PARADE" on Monday, March 3rd 2014. I understand that all children must be checked in at the parade forming area by an adult and picked up by that same adult on the TOWN GREEN immediately after the parade and children under the age of 9 years old must have an adult walking with them. I recognize that there are certain risks to participating in the parade and that the parade sponsors are responsible only for reasonable supervision. I understand that the parade sponsors do not assume liability extending beyond that point.

Date _____ Signature _____