



**Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce**  
**2019 Mardi Gras Parade**  
*Laissez les bons temps rouler*

**Saturday, March 2, 2019 2:00 PM**  
**Third Street Leesville**  
**Line up starts at 12:00 Noon**  
**(all entries must be in place prior to 1:30)**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED and SIGN WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT on reverse side BEFORE Entry Deadline of Wed, February 27th at Noon**

Name of Parade Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Each space is 30 ft. front to rear – No extra fee unless more than 4 spaces needed (120 feet)**  
**Be sure to allow enough room for trailers, etc.**

Number of 30 ft Spaces you will need? \_\_\_\_\_

What will your Entry include?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Special Request??: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE:

**Will entry include music?            Yes            No**

**Will entry include animals?        Yes            No**

**ENTRY FEE IS \$20 PER ENTRY, SUBMIT WITH ENTRY FORM**  
**(Allows up to 4 spaces)**

**Return to:**

Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1228, Leesville, LA 71496  
 OR drop by the office at 1309 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Leesville  
 Phone: 337-238-0349    Fax: 337-238-0340

**You will be contacted with your line-up number after entry deadline date**  
 Please be sure to read the Rules for Parade Participants.

**NO Stopping at any time during Parade**

This **INDEMNITY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT** is hereby entered into by the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce and \_\_\_\_\_ (your name), individually, or as the authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (group name) (hereinafter, referred to as "**PARTICIPANT**").

In consideration for the permission to participate in the activities of the MARDI GRAS PARADE to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 hosted and/or put on by the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce, Participant, either individually or on behalf of the organization represented herein, hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and discharge the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce, its employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, or volunteers from any and all liability for damages (whether property or personal) incurred as a result of any act or omission of the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce, its employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, or volunteers (whether negligent or intentional) sustained during participation in any "activities" of the parade hosted and/or put on by the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, March 2, 2019. The term "activities" shall include any and all (1) pre-activity preparation and organization, (2) actual participation, and (3) post-participation activities.

Participant, as an authorized representative of the above-referenced organization, acknowledges that Participant will inform the members of said organization of their responsibilities under the terms of this Agreement, and Participant, individually, acknowledges his/her/its responsibilities under the terms of this agreement.

Participant further acknowledges that his/her/its participation is a civic commitment and gives his/her/its permission for the free use of any name and picture in any broadcast, telecast, or written account of this event.

I have read the foregoing and affix my signature hereto on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



## **RULES FOR MARDI GRAS PARADE PARTICIPANTS**

You will be contacted with your line-up number AFTER the entry deadline date.

**PARADE LINE-UP BEGINS NOON (12pm) PARADE BEGINS 2:00pm SHARP**

(Berry Avenue & Mechanic Street Become 1-Way after 12pm see Rule #8)  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO INSURE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE PARADE.**

1. Entry fee of \$20 and an entry form must be submitted by all participants. You will be contacted with your assigned line-up number AFTER the entry deadline date. This number will be written on a large card and will be issued the day of the parade to be placed on the outside of the windshield on the passenger side.
2. All entries must be decorated for Mardi Gras; costumes are encouraged and throwing of beads or candy is **required**. Please be sure to throw beads far enough so that people behind barricades can reach them without moving barricades. NOTHING allowed to be given out by hand. Mardi-Gras Parade spectators prefer beads over candy!!
3. **Please do not start throwing any beads/candy until crossing over the railroad tracks close to the American Legion. Spectators will not be allowed between the RR tracks and Mechanic Street.**
4. If your entry has a long trailer or is a truck & trailer/marching unit combination, indicate on the entry form to insure there is enough space for each participant. Each space is 30 feet long. If you do not indicate the number of spaces on the form, it will be assumed that only one space is needed and line-up numbers will be assigned accordingly. (There will be NO extra entry fees assessed for additional spaces **unless more than 4 spaces (120 feet) are needed.**)
5. **For safety reasons, each FLOAT entry must provide at least two adult supervisors to walk alongside (one on each side).**
6. Floats with numerous riders need to arrange getting their participants to their assigned parade locations. **\*\*Individual vehicle delivery of riders will not be allowed down the parade route.** Designate an assembly point if multiple riders if needed. Tell your riders in advance your assigned street number and approximate location on Berry or Mechanic Streets; lost riders searching for a float could have a long walk.
7. **Due to liability and safety concerns, there will be NO STOPPING at any time during the parade to perform** or for any other reason. Do not stop to unload participants until reaching the South end of Third Street past the KCS Railroad Depot, insuring that you turn off of Third Street before unloading. Congestion from floats will cause delays in the parade, so please be considerate of this when stopping to unload. **Please do not allow participants to walk back up the parade route (on the street) during the parade.**
8. When lining up for the parade, Berry Avenue and Mechanic Street will become one way beginning at noon (12:00pm)....going south from Leesville High School. Enter line-up via Leesville High School at BELVIEW ROAD. A map of the parade route is available upon request.
9. A single entry judged "Best of Parade" will be given an award the following week.
10. No entry, float or vehicle may make aggressive, abrupt or rapid movements at any point during the parade route. Demonstrations of maneuverability, horsepower (revving of engines), speed agility, etc. is NOT permitted, to include motorcycles, go-carts, modified trucks, race cars, etc. Use of high intensity sound making devices strongly discouraged.
11. Alcoholic beverages, weapons, or offensive material is strictly prohibited; violators will not participate in the parade.

**Portable restrooms will be available at the corner of Mechanic/ First Streets & Mechanic/Berry Streets**

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