



2019 Mardi Gras!

# Parade Rules & Regulations

- No entry fee.
- **Entry Deadline October 10, 2019**  
Entries received after this date will be placed at the end of the parade, and will not be judged.
- **Participants should plan to arrive no later than 5:30pm**
- Parade begins at 7:00 P.M., Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- Marshaling instructions and route format will be mailed/emailed on or before October 19, 2019.
- \*\* LINE-UP NOTE: Feeder streets: Duckworth, Ritter, Elizabeth, and Oak will line up facing NORTH and move onto County Road.**

## FLOAT CATEGORIES (7)

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Youth Group       | Men's & Women's Organizations |
| Churches          | Business & Union              |
| Miscellaneous     | Outdoor & Recreational        |
| Farm/Farm Related |                               |

Definition of a Float: A float is a decorated platform towed behind a vehicle.

## NON-FLOAT CATEGORIES (1)

Marching Groups (non-organized bands or other groups)

*PLEASE NOTE: On your application you must choose ONE category and whether or not your group wishes to be judged.*

### Float Judging Criteria

A total of no more than 100 points will be given to each float and divided as such:

- Theme – maximum 30 points
- Originality – maximum 20 points
- Humor/Taste – maximum 10 points,
- Workmanship/Lighting/Music – maximum 15 points
- Overall Effect/Eye Appeal – maximum 25 points

### Float Judging General Information

All categories of floats/non-floats will be judged during the parade at the location of the judging booth on Walnut Street.

### Float Requirements

- All float entries must display a 12-inch by 12-inch sign on the right front (passenger side) of the float with the Float Entry number on it corresponding with the number you have been assigned. This entry number is required so the judges can identify each float entry for the prizes that will be given. Each float may also have the name of the sponsoring group displayed on it with a plaque, sign or banner that is carried.
- Floats are required to carry a fire extinguisher. Minimum 10 lb. ABC dry chemical.
- 12' maximum height

### Floats Prizes (all categories) and Non-Float:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$80, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$60

Overall (1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners in each category)

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

Extra-Mile Award (*Float traveled furthest distance*) \$80

## COSTUME CATEGORIES (4)

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| Adult Individual | Children's Individual      |
| Group Costume    | Decorated Children's Wagon |

Costume category entries do NOT need to send an application to be in the parade. Costume categories will be judged near the beginning of the parade route at the intersection of Parker and Mill Streets at 6:00pm.

### Costume Prizes:

Adult Costume, Child Individual Costume, Decorated Wagon, Group Costume: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$20

*PLEASE NOTE: Judging is subjective and decisions are finalized before the end of the parade.*

NEW - Overall Viewers Choice Award: Voting will take place from 8:00pm the night of the parade (Saturday, October 26, 2019), until 8:00pm Saturday, November 2, 2019. The winner will be announced Monday morning, November 4, 2019.

**POLITICAL ENTRIES** Are allowed **ONLY 1 FLOAT (1 vehicle to pull it, no other vehicles/gators/golf carts, etc.) PER PARTY and as many WALKERS as you wish by that float.**  
*Contact your Perry County Central Committee Chair for parade line-up position.*

### Parade Order

Many groups ask to be near the front of the parade. We accommodate these requests where possible, but in fairness, we rotate groups each year as to who will be first in the parade (for example, if you were the first category last year, you will be rotated to the end of the parade this year).

### Parade Schedule

- 5:15pm – Marshals in position
- 5:30pm – Floats/non-float entries in position
- 6:00pm – Costume categories judged
- 7:00pm – Parade begins

### Cancellations

*If you have entered the parade but cannot attend, you MUST contact the Chamber at 357-3243 before the parade!* Please call as soon as you know, and before 3:00pm the day of the parade! We're striving for a great Mardi Gras parade and your help and consideration are an integral part of that!

### Gaps in the Parade

Our biggest parade complaint is that there are too many gaps in the parade. *If you are a non-float marching group DO NOT STOP TO PERFORM!* All entries MUST continue to be forward-moving throughout the parade. All entries should be aware of the location of the entry in front of and behind them in order to eliminate such large gaps.

### Traffic, Parking & Restrooms

If you are in the parade, PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY, no later than 5:30pm. Traffic is very congested around town and the parade route. See Pinckneyville.com for a list of street closures/alternate route suggestions. Bus parking for marching bands will be concentrated in the fairground at the ball park area. Restrooms will be available inside the fairgrounds and port-a-potties will be located on Front Street near the railroad track,s and at the staging area for band marchers at the intersection of Mill and Parker Streets.

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
NO BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, 4- WHEELERS,  
HORSES, HORSE-DRAWN FLOATS,  
OR ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE**

**PLEASE DO NOT THROW  
ANYTHING INTO THE CROWD!!  
YOU MUST HAND ITEMS TO  
THE CROWD!**