

MARDI GRAS PARADE 2023

Thank you for being part of the **2023** Orange Beach Mardi Gras Parade to be held **Tuesday, Feb 21 at 2:00 pm.**

NEW FOR 2023 LINEUP LOCATION HAS MOVED TO THE GULF STATE PARK PAVILION, 22250 E Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. This location is approximately 1 3/4 miles further west than the previous lineup location. Orange Beach Police will be on site to assist entries that need to make a left hand turn into the parking lot. Event staff will be on site to assist with the line up. **Parade Line-Up will be on first come, first serve basis and will begin at 10:30am. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m.** The parade will begin at the usual location at the traffic light at Phoenix West and Wolf Bay Lodge and will proceed to the east to Highway 161 (Walgreens).

All Parading units and walkers must be in place by 12:30 pm for final inspection before parade rolls.

Drivers will meet with OBPD at 12:45 for a brief drivers meeting. They will need to have drivers licenses with them for meeting.

Parade Guidelines

ALL DRIVERS (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FLOATS, TRUCKS , CARS, MOTORCYCLES, GOLFCARTS, GO CARTS) WILL BE GIVEN A BREATHALYZER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PARADE!

- 1. NO LINE UP NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED. LINE UP WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. CITY OF ORANGE BEACH STAFF WILL BE AT THE LINE UP AREA BEGINNING AT 10:30AM. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARK WHERE YOU LIKE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO GET IN THE LINE UP AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE SPOT.**
2. The parade begins at 2pm sharp! Entrants must be on their floats and ready to move by 1:15pm
3. If coming from the west (Gulf Shores) you will turn right into the Gulf State park pavilion parking lot. If coming from the east (Orange Beach/Pensacola) you will make a left hand turn into the Gulf State park pavilion parking lot.
4. The parade ends at the intersection of Perdido Beach Blvd and Hwy 161. OBPD will be at this intersection to direct the entries.
5. ALL (live and recorded music, dancing, language, signage) activities must be kept "family friendly" for all to enjoy. The Krewe is responsible for each member and item thrown. If deemed inappropriate by the City of Orange Beach, your entry will be removed from the parade. Although the parade is fun for the participants, the purpose of the parade is to entertain the people that attend. All music, floats, participants must keep behavior and imagery family friendly.
6. Follow the instructions of Police, Fire personnel and City of Orange Beach staff at line up, during the parade and after the parade.
7. Please maintain a safe distance between vehicle in front of your entry.

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9. **Proof of vehicular liability insurance MUST** accompany your entry if parading a motorized vehicle. Proof of Insurance on each vehicle used in the parade is required. All vehicle drivers must be licensed and be in possession of their current, valid driver's license. The driver must be at least 19 years of age or older.
10. All participants in the Orange Beach Mardi Gras parade will be subject to photography and videography.
11. Tailgating is allowed at the Gulf State Park pavilion parking lot. There is a dumpster and garbage cans for your usage. Please dispose of all trash prior to leaving the parking lot.
12. Bathrooms are available on site. However, the picnic tables under the pavilion have been reserved by another party.
13. Please **DO NOT THROW ITEMS BEFORE "PARADE STARTS HERE" SIGN**. When items are thrown too early, not only does it back up the floats behind yours, it is a safety hazard when parade goers get in the road way before everyone is prepared. The "Parade Starts Here" Sign is just WEST of the traffic light at Phoenix West and Wolf Bay Lodge restaurant. If your party starts throwing before the parade starts here sign, they entry will be subject to removal from the parade.
14. **NO CONFETTI OR STREAMERS ARE ALLOWED TO BE THROWN FROM FLOATS**. This creates a lot of trash that is difficult to clean up. If your party throws confetti or streamers, the entry will be subject to removal from the parade.

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Please **TEXT** only day of parade.