



**City of Prattville's 11th Annual
Mardi Gras Parade
Saturday, January 31, 2015**

**Parade Application
*Deadline for Entry January 23!***

Dear Prospective Parade Participants:

The 2015 Prattville Mardi Gras Parade will be held on Saturday, January 31, at 2pm.

Your order in the parade will be determined by your arrival time at the Courthouse the day of the event. There will be a few reserved spots at the front of the parade for the Grand Marshal and those of elected officials.

The parade route is as follows: The parade will begin at the Autauga County Courthouse and follow the same route as the Christmas Parade. We will follow 4th Street to Washington. After a left on Washington the parade will turn right onto Wetumpka Street and then right on Northington. It will follow Northington to Main and take a right and go through Downtown Prattville back around to the Courthouse.

If your organization, church, school, or business would like to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade, please complete the attached registration form. Entries require a **\$25.00** fee. **Horse Groups will require an additional \$5.00 fee PER HORSE, and horses must be "bagged" to ride.**

Make checks payable to: The City of Prattville and mail the registration form with your entry fee to:
Mardi Gras Parade
City of Prattville
101 West Main Street
Prattville, AL 36067

The deadline for entries is **January 23 at 5:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Prattville's Special Events office at **334/595-0854** between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, or you can find information at www.prattvilleal.gov.

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Saturday, January 31, at 2:00 pm.

Registration Deadline –January 23 before 5:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events

12noon----- Food Vendors and Arts and Crafts Open to public
(Downtown Prattville in the Partners in Pediatrics Parking lot to the right of Bank Trust)

12noon----- Children's Activities Open
(Downtown Prattville)

12:30. ----- Parade Lineup at the Autauga Co. Courthouse

2:00 p.m. ----- 2015 Mardi Gras Parade

Entry Form

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

Email (***MUST HAVE AN EMAIL***) _____

Explanation of Parade Entry _____

Entry Fee - \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE/ \$5.00 PER HORSE for Riding Groups.

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

By my signature below or submission of this application, I the undersigned, do acknowledge that injuries or loss can result from my participation in the 2015 Mardi Gras Parade. I, the undersigned, accept full responsibility and assume the risk for my participation. I, the undersigned, understand and agree to secure and maintain medical insurance coverage on the participant during the entire duration of participation. I, the undersigned, indemnify and hold the City of Prattville, the Prattville Chamber of Commerce, Autauga County Department of Human Resources, Autauga County Health Department, Autauga County Sheriff, Autauga County Office of Probate Partners in Pediatrics, their employees, officers and staff harmless from any and all liability, claims, expenses, demands or legal actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in connection with any loss, injury or damage associated with my participation. Furthermore, I the undersigned, agree to abide by and follow any and all safety requirements and/or directions provided by parade staff. **I have received and agree to comply with the attached Mardi Gras parade rules and the Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement.**

Signature of contact person: _____ Date _____

All questions about parade entry should be directed to the Cultural Arts Center at (334) 595-0854.

Complete form and mail with check to Mardi Gras Parade, Prattville City Hall, 101 West Main Street, Prattville, AL 36067.

Mardi Gras Parade Safety Checklist

(These items **MUST** be adhered to **PRIOR** to Entry on the Parade Route)

- ❑ ALL ENTRIES WILL CARRY THE PARADE THEME, DECORATED IN GOOD TASTE. The parade committee reserves the right to ask that items deemed offensive be removed from the float and/or parade participants. If the request isn't granted, the committee has the right to remove the entry from the parade line up.
- ❑ All entries must have pre-registered and paid the entry fee to participate in the parade.
- ❑ **SAFETY** shall be the number **ONE** priority for all entries:
 - Candy and beads are to be tossed underhanded **TO** the spectators, not **AT** the spectators.
 - Children participating in the parade must be supervised by a sufficient number of adults.
 - Floats/flatbed entries **MUST** have at least one adult designated walker per side to ensure no one darts into the parade traffic.
 - Drivers of any float/flatbed should be an adult complying with any state laws applicable to the particular type of vehicle.
 - Drivers should drive only and should not throw candy, beads, or other items.
 - Drivers should keep pace with the vehicle in front of him—no more than 3-4 seconds between floats
- ❑ Walking groups must be active (singing, baton twirling, juggling or dancing).
- ❑ **FLOATS**
 - Cannot exceed 14 feet in height.
 - Cannot have more than one foot of decorations beyond the float base.
 - Should have working tail lights.
 - Cannot have any sharp edges.
 - Cannot have any excessive smoke.
 - Must be secure to protect against participants tripping or any object falling off the float into the spectators.
 - Cannot have participants on a Flatbed/Truck their backs to the edges (unless the sides are walled), standing (unless side are walled to waist height), or sitting on roof.
- ❑ **PARADE PARTICIPANTS:**
 - Cannot have a loaded firearm at any time.
 - Cannot have bullhorns.
 - Cannot get on or off a float once it has started down the parade route.
 - ***Cannot hand out flyers or pamphlets.***
 - Cannot smoke or have alcoholic beverages on the floats any time before or during the parade.
- ❑ **LIVE ANIMALS:** Horses **MUST** be “bagged” to ride. ***If the horse isn't bagged, it DOES NOT ride. No stunts are allowed on the parade route.***
- ❑ **MOTORCYCLE CLUBS:** No stunts are allowed along the parade route.
- ❑ **Only those entries approved will be allowed to participate.**