



Mardi Gras 2010 Downtown Vicksburg “Latin Carnivale”

The Vicksburg Main Street Program will be sponsoring the 2010 Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. For the first time this year, the parade will have a theme! This year’s theme will be “Latin Carnivale.”

Along with the theme, you can continue to use the regular Mardi Gras decorations and the traditional colors of purple, green, and gold. We do ask that you mix in some of the reds and other colors that are used in the Latin culture.

A few ideas to consider when trying to incorporate the theme into your float are: sombreros, mariachi bands, salsa dancers, chili peppers, piñatas, bright colors, maracas, Mexican ponchos, and anything else you may want that is used in the Latin culture! As mentioned before, remember to continue using purple, gold, and green along with traditional things such as Mardi Gras masks and beads!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. for the parade!

If you have any questions please contact the Vicksburg Main Street Office by calling 601-634-4527.

**Vicksburg Main Street Program
Mardi Gras Parade
Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

Unit Application Form

The organization named herein requests consideration as a participant in the Mardi Gras Parade. The undersigned warrants that he/she is empowered to sign for the applying organization and that he/she has read and understands the provisions set forth in the "General Parade Regulations" section of the instructions received with this application form.

Covenant Not to Sue and Indemnification Agreement

The undersigned, does hereby, agree to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold-harmless Vicksburg Main Street Program, a Mississippi non-profit corporation (hereinafter "Main Street) and The Mayor and Alderman of the City of Vicksburg, hereinafter, ("City") from any claims, demands, causes of action at law or in equity, brought by any party, and loss or damage, monetary or other, arising from those claims, demands, causes of action at law or in equity, whether because of anything done, omitted or allowed to be done by the undersigned, its agents, participants, employees and/or representatives and particularly on account of any possible loss or damages arising out of as a result of participation by the undersigned in this event.

The undersigned has read the 2010 Mardi Gras Parade Regulations for the Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade, sponsored by the Vicksburg Main Street Program and agrees to abide by them.

In addition, the undersigned promises not to assert against Main Street or the City, in any court of law, any claim or claims arising out of or as a result of participants of the undersigned in this event.

This agreement is binding on the undersigned, its agents, participants, employees, and/or representatives and their successors and assigns.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Representing: _____

**2010 Downtown Vicksburg's Mardi Gras Parade
Unit and Point of Contact Information Form**
(Please print or type)

Entries must be received no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, Jan.29, 2010!

1. Name of participating unit: _____
2. Unit mailing address and zip code: _____
(Please put address where mail will be received) _____
3. Organization Contact person: _____
4. Telephone Numbers: _____
5. E-mail address: _____

6. Group classification (Please Circle)

A. School: Athletic Team, Bands, Cheerleaders, Clubs, ROTC, Other.

B. Organizations:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic League | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pageant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Riding Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto/Motorcycle Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

7. Description of entry: _____

**8. Please supply information to be read by the parade announcers (TV23)
in 50 words or less (Please provide separate sheet of paper, if necessary):**

- _____

9. Please mark one of the following:

- _____ \$50.00 Registration Fee – For Profit/Business
_____ \$100.00 Registration Fee – For Profit/Business *After Jan. 29, 2010*
_____ \$25.00 Registration Fee – For all other Entries
_____ \$50.00 Registration Fee – For all other Entries *After Jan.29, 2010*

Please make checks payable to the Vicksburg Main Street Program.

**Please enclose your non-refundable registration fee along with
the Unit & Point of Contact Info form, and Unit Application form and mail it to
the Vicksburg Main Street Program, P.O. Box 150, Vicksburg, MS 39180**

2010 Downtown Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade Regulations
Sponsored By: Vicksburg Main Street Program
1309 Washington Street, P.O. Box 150, Vicksburg, MS 39181
Office 601-634-4527 * fax 601-631-3738 * cell 601-831-8043
Saturday, February 13, 2010 – 2:00 P.M

1. No individual or unit will be allowed to take part in the parade without the prior approval of the Main Street Program Parade committee and submittal of an application. Units may participate by means of riding a float (a trailer pulled by a truck) riding in the back of a pickup truck, riding motorcycles or 4-wheelers, or walking.
2. All individuals and organizations participating in the parade are subject, while in the City of Vicksburg, to the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction. Failure to adhere to those laws and regulations or to obey the lawful command of an official empowered to give such command will be cause for immediate removal from the parade and may be cause for arrest and/or fine.
3. The conduct and movement of the parade will be controlled by Parade Marshals assigned for that purpose. Participants will obey the direction of the Marshals and all guidelines as they relate to the parade. **Failure to do so will cause the offending individual or unit to be removed from the parade and disqualified from all awards.**
4. All marching units are to proceed with forward motion only. Short routines (2-3 minutes) may be performed provided the parade is not considerably delayed. **No more than 1 stop will be allowed during the parade.** TV 23 will be set-up on the street and the judges will be on the balcony of the former "The Valley" building. **This will be the best area for your one allowed stop.**
5. Children under third-grade level (age 8) will not be allowed to march in the parade. Children under age 12 riding in float must be accompanied by 2 adults. **There also needs to be 1 walker on either side of all moving vehicle/float.**
6. There is to be no use of firearms or fireworks at any point in the parade.
7. **Parade participants are expected to perform in good taste conducive to a family atmosphere and in the spirit of Mardi Gras. Marshals will remove any person or unit who in their sole discretion is in violation of this rule.**
8. Floats cannot exceed thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches in height and sixteen (16) feet in width. All floats are also required to have fire extinguisher & Fix-A-Flat on board each float.
9. For each float unit, trailer truck, or any other moving vehicle (except for motorcycles & 4-wheelers) there are to be 2 people walking at the front corners of the float or vehicle, and 2 people walking at the rear corners. These people are the responsibility of the unit and their purpose is to insure that spectators do not come out to the vehicle or try to cross between the vehicles. **If a unit desires to have a float display or some type of moving display, the walkers will be required to carry 2" PVC pipe the length of the float.**