



# Annual Children's Mardi Gras Walking Parade



Saturday, February 21st 2009

1:00 p.m.

Downtown Biloxi

\*The City of Biloxi, the Mardi Gras Museum, & Gulf Coast Carnival Association invite all children ages 12 and younger to participate in the Annual Children's Mardi Gras Walking parade. Bikes, skates, skateboards, scooters, and wagons are acceptable. Children are encouraged to be creative and dress in costume and decorate their bikes, wagons, etc. This will give the children the opportunity to use their imagination. The theme for the parade is "Islands around the World". The Costume and Float Contest will be judged according to the theme. \*Parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. under the I-110 over pass on Howard Ave. It will continue east on Howard, through the Vieux Marche and turn south on Lameuse Street and end at the Biloxi Town Green. Participants need to arrive under the overpass to sign in at 12:00 p.m. A limited amount of throws will be available for the children. Children are encouraged to bring additional throws. Parents and guardians are welcomed to walk with their children. **Children 9 years of age and younger are required to have a parent/guardian walk with them.**

Applications will be distributed through all Biloxi Schools or can be picked up at the Recreation Office in Hiller Park and the Downtown Services Office located at 932 Howard Ave at the Bond-Grant House.

Applications need to be turned into the Downtown Services Office or mailed to P.O. Box 429, Biloxi, MS. 39533.

Applications can also be taken the day of the parade at noon.

\*At the conclusion of the parade the Biloxi Parks and Recreation Department will have refreshments for all participants. **There will be a costume and float contest for individuals immediately following the parade. Trophies & cash prizes will be awarded.** Costume & Float contest will be judged according to the theme "Islands around the World". Please support your child by encouraging your family to be spectators.

For more information, please call Kay Miller @ 228-435-6339 or email kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

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**CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS PARADE APPLICATION**

One application per child. Please fill out completely or we can not accept!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Other Number \_\_\_\_\_

My Child will (check one)

Walking\_\_\_\_, Bike\_\_\_\_, Skates\_\_\_\_, Scooter\_\_\_\_, Skateboard\_\_\_\_, Wagon\_\_\_\_, Other\_\_\_\_\_

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED

**PARENTS CONSENT FORM**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the "CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS WALKING PARADE" on Saturday, February 21st, 2009. I understand that all children must be checked in at the parade forming area by an adult and picked up by that same adult on the TOWN GREEN immediately after the parade and children under the age of 9 years old must have an adult walking with them. I recognize that there are certain risks to participating in the parade and that the parade sponsors are responsible only for reasonable supervision. I understand that the parade sponsors do not assume liability extending beyond that point.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_