

ROUGAROU FEST

Showcasing the unique Cajun folklore of the Bayous of South Louisiana
October 18-20, 2024 | Fri. 5PM to 10PM, Sat. 10AM to 10PM & Sun. 10AM to 5PM | Houma, LA

KREWE GA ROU PARADE

PARADE INFO & REGULATIONS

[Parade rolls at 7:00PM, Saturday, October 19, 2024]

The Krewe Ga Rou Parade will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 in conjunction with the Rougarou Fest sponsored by the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center. The parade begins at 7:00PM and finishes at approximately 8:30PM. All participants must arrive by 6:00PM, so that all groups may be placed in the parade line-up.

The parade will begin and end in the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center parking lot. A copy of the line-up list and a map will be emailed to participants prior to the event. The Houma Police Department and the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's office will be in charge of security.

PARADE ROUTE:

- Starts near the intersection of Barrow St. and Civic Center Blvd., turns right onto Civic Center Blvd., turns right onto HWY 311, turns right onto Barrow St., turns right into the Civic Center parking lot to disband.
- The route is approximately 1 mile long. *Route subject to change.

\$100 FEE:

- The fee to participate is \$100 for each specialty vehicle or walking group.
- This fee helps to defray the cost of permits, security and insurance required for this event.
- In the event of inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 2PM.
- In the event the parade does not roll, application fees will be rolled over to 2025 or refunded.

SPECIALTY VEHICLES:

- Adults over 18 may pull decorated boats on trailers (boats must be under 25 feet), drive decorated specialty vehicles including 4 wheelers, go-carts, golf carts, lawn mowers, trailers, hayrides, or other small vehicles.
- Adults on or in vehicles operate those vehicles at their own risk.
- Children driving motorized vehicles are not permitted.
- If your specialty vehicle requires music, you must provide your own sound system, and the lyrics must not be offensive.
- If you are driving a motor vehicle in the parade, driver's license and proof of insurance must be submitted with the application.
- Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a group chaperone (one adult per every 8 children).
- Boats being pulled as floats must remove or disconnect the gas tank while being pulled in the parade.
- Party buses are not allowed.

WALKING GROUPS:

- Walking groups are invited to participate and can pull decorated children's wagons.
- Each walking group is allowed one motorized vehicle to carry sound equipment, water, candy, and supplies.
- If your group requires music, you must provide your own sound system, and the lyrics must not be offensive.
- Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a group chaperone (one adult per every 8 children).
- Children under the age of 8 MUST ride in a vehicle.
- Group performances MUST continue to move forward during routines.

PARADE APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS DUE BY 4PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

For more info, contact shicks@slwdc.org or 985.580.7289

COSTUMES REQUIRED:

- All participants are required to dress in appropriate costumes or themed uniforms approved by parade staff.
- SLWDC reserves the right to prevent participation in the parade if it deems any costume offensive.

ONLY CANDY:

- Each parade participant **MUST THROW CANDY**.
- Chaperones/additional walkers of performing groups must throw candy.
- Only wrapped candy is allowed.
- To prevent injury, thrown candy may not be in large bags.
- Participants must provide their own candy.

NOT ALLOWED:

- No glass containers allowed
- No throwing of: large bags of candy, rolls of toilet paper, plastic beads, or alcohol/jello shots
- No party buses
- Political campaign signs are not permitted in the parade as per Parish Ordinance Section 19-46 (d)
- No explicit music - The "Explicit" label applies when the lyrics or content of a song contain one or more of the following criteria which could be considered offensive or unsuitable for children: Strong language; References to violence, physical, or mental abuse; References to sexual behaviour; Discriminatory language.

ANY GROUP THAT DOES NOT FOLLOW THE ABOVE RULES **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE** IN THE 2025 PARADE.

Please complete the form below and return with payment on or before October 1, 2024 at 4PM.

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

How many people marching in your group: _____ Will your organization be using a vehicle: Yes No

Vehicle Make: _____ Vehicle Model: _____ Vehicle Color: _____

License Plate #: _____

Describe your float/vehicle/group activity: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to SLWDC and mail this application and proof of vehicle insurance to:
SLWDC - Krewe Ga Rou Parade, 7910 Park Ave., Houma, LA 70364