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Parade Guidelines

Parade Marshall:

All parade participants must follow the general direction of the Parade Marshall on the day of the parade. On parade days, “it takes a village” to execute everything and have a great parade, therefore the Parade Marshall may ask you to help with various tasks. Please do your best to complete the task requested so we can all have a great parade.

The Board of Directors will designate a Parade Marshall for each parade we participate in, and this will be communicated to all participants in advance of parade day.

Dress Code:

Krewe of Chasco celebrates and honors the wonderful and diverse history of the greatest country in the world. Our regalia theme of “Old West” is required for parade which don’t have any other specific theme associated with them (i.e. Christmas, Veterans, etc). Before purchasing any Regalia for parade days, please contact our Regalia Committee at regalia@kreweofchasco.org to receive approval of your Regalia. There also is a page on our website at <https://kreweofchasco.org/regalia> where you can find more information about Regalia options for you and/or your guests.

At this time former Native American Regalia is prohibited for any parade for members or guests.

If you have a request to vary from our normal Regalia for a specific parade, please contact the Regalia Committee at the email above.

Float Riding and Parade Walking:

The Krewe of Chasco float was designed to support both riders and walkers and has plenty of bead storage to support both types of participants during parades. In addition, the float is wheelchair accessible while we are in staging. For any participant who needs to board the float via the wheelchair ramp, please contact the Parade Marshall on parade day so they can coordinate a group to assist with the ramp usage.

Float riding will strictly be on a first come/first serve basis with the exception of anyone with specific needs (i.e. wheelchair access, etc). Spots on the float will also be strictly on a first come/first serve basis only, with the exception of a designated sponsor section for certain parades.

Parade walkers will find significant bead storage and beverage holders on the float and tow vehicle. Due to the nature of the “gooseneck” float and how it pivots, there will not be any storage between the rear tires of the tow vehicle and the front most bead boxes on the float. Do not attempt to store any items there as Security or the Parade Marshall will ask you to change locations.

Walking in front of the tow vehicle or attempting to cross between the tow vehicle and float are **strictly prohibited** for everyone’s safety. This is one rule we will enforce very militantly because it is extremely

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dangerous to a participant's personal safety to cross in these locations. Any participants may have future parade privileges revoked if Security reports to the Parade Marshall, the participant continued this practice.

Guests:

Children:

There are four parades in which children are welcome to participate as guests (Tampa Veterans Parade, New Port Richey Christmas Parade, Gasparilla Children's Parade and Chasco Fiesta Parade). Each Krewe of Chasco member can invite up to two children to participate with them. Child guests may dress in either "Old West" or parade specific themed costumes, but children are not required to be dressed as we don't want to force the purchasing of costumes for one time usage during a parade.

Children must be always under the supervision of an adult. The float is tight quarters and relatively delicate so there is no running around on the float, no climbing over the railings and no playing tag or "hide and seek" on the float in staging or during parades.

All guests:

Adult guests are welcome for all parades and are expected to dress in either "Old West" or parade specific themed costumes. Other Krewe's members who are guesting with us, can wear their Krewe's Regalia as well.

Guest fee structures will be announced well in advance of specific parades.

Members are responsible for their guests and are responsible for ensuring their guests know how to dress and conduct themselves during parades.

Personal Items:

Krewe of Chasco members will have opportunity to rent storage bins on the float to store their personal items. These bins will be rented for an entire season and rentals will be on a first come/first serve basis as there currently are twelve (12) bins for rental. Any personal items should be out of site during the parade and are the responsibility of the participant. The day following a parade, any personal items not stored in a member's rented bin will be treated as trash and may be disposed of. Krewe of Chasco is not responsible for any participant's personal items.

The float is not a storage unit for cases or bags of beads for the next parade.

Transportation:

For three Tampa parades the Krewe will be arranging buses to safely take us to and from the parade. There will be two (2) pickup and drop off locations and the bus will leave at the time we said it will leave. If you are late, you will have to make your own travel arrangements to still participate in the parade. If you had to pay

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any fee for the parade and you “missed the bus” your fees will not be refunded without approval of the board of directors for extreme circumstances.

For the parades with transportation, RSVP’ing will be required. If a person hasn’t RSVP’d and there isn’t space for them when they show up, they may be asked to leave the bus and make their own travel arrangements to parade staging.

Beads:

Beads are an important part of the parade day experience. Typically, most participants will have “throw” beads and “wear or trade” beads. Throw beads are generally less expensive and basic beads because a participant will go through several dozen or more of these per parade. Wear or Trade beads are generally larger or specific for an event and generally cost more money, so participants usually only have a handful or so of these per parade.

Members will often order beads together to take advantage of reduced shipping costs. Please ask at a meeting or make a post on our social media pages asking about bead orders if you’d like to potentially combine your order with others to save some shipping costs.

Resources to purchase beads:

Locally:

Buccaneer Beads: <http://buccaneerbeads.net>

Online:

Mardi Grad Outlet: <https://www.mardigrasoutlet.com> Beads by the dozen:
<https://www.beadsbythedozen.com>

General Bead guidance per parade:

New Port Richey Parades and Dunedin Mardi Gras: Approximately 36 dozen (half a case) of throw beads

Gasparilla Pirate Invasion: Approximately 140 dozen (two cases) of throw beads

Knight & St Patty’s Parade: Approximately 70 dozen (one case) of throw beads

It is encouraged that you get theme specific beads, when possible, but for throw beads almost anything works. Every participant is different so after your first couple parades you will know if you need to adjust based on how much you throw.

When throwing beads, underhand throwing only and no twirling bead over your head to throw them.

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General Etiquette:

Liquid refreshments and food in staging is generally for our Krewe and guests only and not for the public or other Krewe's members. Please put beverages in cups and place the original container in a trash receptacle. Know your limits and have fun, but remember parades are physically demanding events and we have a job to do after we leave staging, and our fans expect us to entertain them!

Please have fun, but also remember you are representing the Krewe of Chasco, and our community so be respectful to other around you during the parade festivities.

Our security team is working to keep all the parade participants safe, so please follow their direction during the parades.

Please pick up after yourself as much as possible during parades. The float has multiple trash receptacles so please use them.

Threats or Disturbances:

Should there be any disturbance or threat during a parade, please contact the Parade Marshall or any board member immediately and then follow the direction of the Parade Marshall or the any law enforcement or other parade officials at that time.

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