

**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
MAL'S ST. PADDY'S PARADE AND FESTIVAL
MARCH 15, 2008**

This year's theme is "26.one, a MALathon" - a marathon theme and celebration of our 26th year. We are promoting health and wellness and having a good laugh along the way.

Important Dates: February 12 - Application Deadline
February 15 - Floats notified only if they are **NOT** accepted. If you have applied and do not hear from the committee, you are in the parade.
February 21 - Mandatory Information and Public Safety Meeting

OFFICIAL PARADE RULES

To help maintain safety and order, the parade is LIMITED TO 50 MOTOR VEHICLE ENTRIES on a "First Come, First Serve" basis. Pre-registration passes of float drivers must be displayed on the dashboard of each pulling vehicle before entering the line-up. Numbers on passes do not represent line-up order. **Only floats will be allowed in the line-up area. All materials, decorations, etc. must be on the float before line-up.**

NO ALCOHOLIC OR INTOXICATING BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LINE-UP AREA OR ON FLOATS. FLAGRANT CONSUMPTION OF SUCH BEVERAGES ON FLOATS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

GENERAL RULES

1. **It is your responsibility to help maintain safety and ensure an orderly parade. Each entry is legally responsible for any accident associated with the aforementioned entry.**
2. All parade participants must be decently attired. Sexually indecent dress or offensive behavior will not be allowed.
3. **Amplified music cannot be played after the Parade returns to the Line-up Area.**
4. One person per float entry should be designated as a spokesman and contact person for the entry. They must be 21 years of age or older.
5. Horse participants must have a "bag" for sanitation and owners must show proof of Coggins license.
6. If you have any questions or need assistance while at the Parade, official vests will identify workers on site and JPD officers will be on hand to assist.
7. Plans for the parade line up will be announced at the February 21st meeting.
8. Commercial or retail establishments are forbidden from promoting/displaying/distributing their product inside the line-up area or parade/festival site unless they are a corporate sponsor of the parade, a paid parade participant or have a vendor license. Further, they are not allowed to distribute/post or display promotional materials on floats or entries other than those sponsored by their company.
9. Floats registered as Individuals cannot promote a commercial product or company. Floats paying entry fee for businesses are welcome to promote their company.
10. Motorcycles and ATVs (four-wheelers) are not allowed to ride in the parade.
11. In an effort to keep the parade flowing, there will be a 2-minute limit in front of the judge's stand.
12. All floats shall have a fire extinguisher and it shall be mounted on either the tractor or the float.
13. Children under 12 years of age shall be seated and secured at all times.
14. Floats exceeding 3 feet from grade level must have a ladder.
15. No open flames or cooking on the floats.

FLOATS

1. Gooseneck trailer floats cannot exceed 35 feet in length. Standard hitch trailers cannot exceed 25 feet in length. The maximum width for any trailer is 12 feet. The number of people per trailer will be limited to one person per 10 square feet of trailer space; for example a trailer 28 feet long and 12 feet wide, $28 \times 12 = 336$ square feet divided by 10 = 33 people. *Height restriction is 14 feet.
2. Each float shall have an appropriately designed and placed safety chain between it and the vehicle pulling the float.
3. All wheeled trailers and floats must be skirted completely (including the area around tires) to within six inches off the ground using 1/4"-1/2" plywood to prevent people, especially children, from getting beneath vehicles. Construction of skirting must be done before line-up. All trailers must have a safety railing 36 inches high from the base of the trailer using wood, metal or a substantial substitute. If you use a pick-up truck as a float, you must have a safety railing on both sides and across the tailgate 4 feet high from the floor of the truck bed using wood, metal or a substantial substitute.
4. **All floats and vehicles will be inspected by the Jackson Fire or Police Department prior to the parade. Any float or person not in compliance will be suspended from the parade and will forfeit the entry fee.**
5. No person shall be allowed to get on and off a float after the parade begins, except for emergency reasons. In the case of emergency, the float should pull to the curb and stop. The person involved in the emergency will be removed and the float can re-enter the parade procession.
6. Sheffield Rentals has portable toilets. Their number is 371-6440 or 601-529-8174.

POINT PEOPLE

Each motor vehicle entry (cars, trucks, vans, etc.) in the parade must supply a minimum of four Point People (two in back, two in front) to walk alongside the vehicle in order to keep the crowd at a safe distance. **ALL FLOATS must now supply a minimum of 6 point people (three per side) to carry the PVC pipe. Point People are required to carry a 1/2 " PVC pipe which extends along the side from the front of the pull vehicle to the rear of the float. This pipe must be one solid piece. This will assist point people in crowd control.**

PULL VEHICLES

1. A pull vehicle may be a car, pick-up truck, semi-truck cab or tractor that is suitable in size and weight to pull the trailer. **No eighteen wheel tractor/trailer rigs are allowed.** There will be no exceptions. Farm tractors are encouraged as pull vehicles.
2. All pull vehicles shall be occupied by 1 driver and 1 spotter. No other persons will be allowed to be in or on any pull vehicle. **No one may ride in the bed of a towing vehicle.** It is the spotter's responsibility to observe the riders on the float and the walkers for any sign of a problem and notify the driver to stop immediately.
3. All vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver and have current license plates on the pull vehicle and trailer.
4. All laws which apply toward operating a motor vehicle will be enforced during the parade by the JPD. While operating a vehicle, drivers may be detained by the JPD for violations of the law such as drinking and driving, driving recklessly, etc.
5. **Pull vehicles will now be inspected...horns, blinkers, brakes etc. must be in good working order.**

THROWS

1. **Absolutely NO Trinkets can be thrown from the Driver's side of the pull vehicle or tossed or handed out to the front or rear of the float.**
2. Discarding of debris, trash and packaging shall be prohibited along the parade route.
3. Absolutely no candy, playing cards, paper products, silly string or condoms may be thrown. If you are seen throwing condoms, you will be removed from the parade and not allowed to participate in the future.
4. All throws should be tossed out and away from floats to discourage little ones from running into the streets.

Mal's St. Paddy's Parade Application

Float/Krewe: _____ Date _____

(This is the name judges will use for your float/group.)

- o **Individual/Nonprofit Agency** – \$200 entry fee o **Business/Political Candidate** – \$250 entry fee o **Late Fee** – \$50 extra
o **Walking Groups-\$75 entry fee**

You must be 21 or older to register for the parade.

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Number of Participants and Point People _____ Trailer Size _____

Have you participated before? _____ If so, when? _____

Will You Be Doing a Skit? _____

Liability Policy Information: Name of Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____ Name of Insured _____
YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE PARADE UNLESS YOU PROVIDE PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PULL VEHICLE. You should also be prepared to show proof of liability at parade check-in.

Mandatory Agreement

I have read the above rules and regulations and do hereby agree to meet those specifications as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations Committee and the Jackson Police Department. I understand that if my float or entry does not comply with the specifications set forth, then I will not be accepted for participation in the parade and will forfeit my entry fee. For good and valuable consideration, I, the undersigned, for myself, successor, heirs and assigns, Release and Forever Discharge the parade sponsors, Malcolm White Productions, Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, the City of Jackson, the Hinds County Sheriff's Department, their employees, agents or assigns, from all claims, causes of action or judgments I may have or claim to have, for all personal injuries, including death, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of my involvement with the 26th Annual Mal's St. Paddy's Parade and Festival.

Signature _____ Date _____

Complete and return application along with parade fee no later than February 12 to:

Anna Gibson, Public Affairs, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State St., Jackson, Mississippi 39216-4505.

Your registration fee is tax deductible. Make check payable to: Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

Entries received after Feb. 12 will be subject to the late fee.

Checks will not be deposited until floats are accepted into the parade. If you're not accepted, checks will be returned.

JUDGE'S CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Buckethead Judges are keenly aware of the "home made" and spontaneous character of Mal's St. Paddy's Parade and especially appreciate participants whose presentation embodies this tradition.

1. Creativity - degree and quality of originality, imagination and inventiveness, either treating the theme or not, of participant's idea or concept
 2. Execution - degree to which idea or concept is effectively realized, through construction, presentation or performance
 3. Style - degree and quality of wit, distinction and flair present in the participants' expression and performance
 4. Exuberance - degree and quality of enthusiasm and effort, in the participant's capturing the spirit of the day
- Please Note: Those throwing slop at the judges may be banned from future parades. Gifts, however, are welcome.

Best Entry Awards

There will \$4500 in prize money and 9 trophies awarded this year.

Proposed Float Design for 2008 Mal's St. Paddy's Parade

Please provide a written narrative of your float specifications and design (what will be on your float, etc.) on the back of this form.

Trailer Length: _____ Trailer Height: _____ Type of Trailer: _____

Materials for Skirting: _____ Materials for Railing: _____

Type of Throws: _____ How many people on the float: _____

Type of Pull Vehicle: _____

What will be on your float: _____ Name of Driver: _____

Names of Point People: _____

**Division of Public Affairs
The University of Mississippi Medical Center
2500 North State Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39216-4505**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 15, 2008

8 a.m. • Parade Line-up OPENS

(Line up continues until 11:45 a.m.)

8 a.m. • BancorpSouth Mal's St. Paddy's Parade Race (5K Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run)

9 a.m. • Trustmark Children's Festival Begins

10 a.m. • Pet Parade

11 a.m. • Trustmark Children's Parade

12 noon • Mal's St. Paddy's Parade

The Street Party will begin after the parade with a \$6 entrance fee. No coolers allowed.

MANDATORY INFORMATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING*

February 21st, 6:00 p.m. at Hal and Mal's

*A representative from each float must be present at this meeting.

St. Paddy's Hot Line: 984-1972