

DRIPS' PARADE DAY ACTIVITIES

Meeting Time: 3:00 pm

Meeting Place: Warehouse @ 2121 Chartres Street (on the corner of Elysian Fields). This is the location of the parade lineup AND the KdV Doo following the parade

Parking: Please get rides or take a taxi. There is very limited parking available near the warehouse, and we don't want anyone driving drunk anyway.

Pre-parade party: Since we're not taking the bus this year, the Drips are catering the pre-parade party and the Doo following the parade. There will be a designated "krewe only" section at the warehouse with tables & chairs for each krewe. There will also be a "secured" room upstairs where we can leave our valuables, food, alcohol, etc. during the parade. It will be locked from the time we begin lining up until we return following the parade.

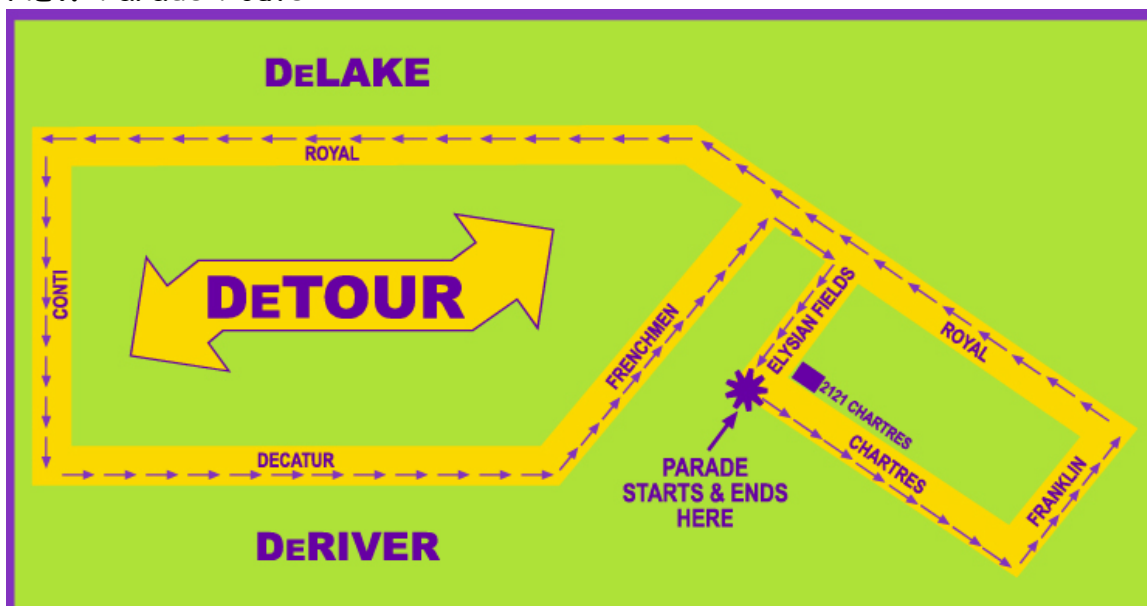
What to bring: Yourself, alcoholic beverages (beer and set ups are included with your membership), those throws you plan to carry with you along the parade route, and cash for a cab, drinks or food at the Doo. REMEMBER - your dues covered your throws this year.

Wristbands: See Amelie for your wristbands as soon as you get to the pre-parade party. You will need to be wearing your wristband to participate in the parade, to get into the Doo and krewe section following the parade, and to get free beer, soft drinks, etc. at the krewe bar.

Lineup time: 5:30 pm

Parade starts: 6:30 pm - NOTE: THIS IS EARLIER THAN IN PRIOR YEARS

NEW Parade Route:



ESCORTS: The Drips will have 5 designated "escorts" or "guardians" parading with us this year. They will be easily identifiable by their T-shirts. They will be wearing wristbands and will have all the benefits of paying members at the Doo following the parade. Their primary function is to keep the crowds back, away from the mule, float and our members during the parade. They will also be responsible for inviting "non-wristbanded" crashers to leave the parade route. Please let them know if you see any parade crashers. Get to know them - they are our friends and are technically "non-dues paying Drips members". They will need to stay "functionally sober" during the parade. They will also handle any problems with the float or our mule along the parade route (bite your tongue); and will get our float from the Den to the lineup before the parade and back to the Den after the parade. They do all the dirty work so we can have fun - take good care of them and each other!!!

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON THE FLOAT AFTER THE PARADE THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE. We have no way of guaranteeing it will be there on Sunday morning.

DOO: Expected arrival time at the warehouse at 2121 Chartres Street is approximately 9:30 pm. We will enter the warehouse through a krewé only door fronting Elysian Fields. Once the parade is over, that door will be closed and you will need to enter the warehouse through the door on Chartres Street, which will also be open to the general public.

Krewé section: We'll have a designated krewé section - barricaded off from the general public - at the Doo. There will be a table and chairs set up for each krewé. There will also be a bar in this area with beer and set ups for krewé members ONLY. Please note - Your friends are not your friends if they ask you to get them free drinks. You'll need your wristband to get into this section and to get drinks at the krewé bar. It's in a different section from the stage and dance floor, so there will be a "big screen" that will project video and sound from the main room. There is also a large yard area that will be tented and heated (if necessary) where the public bar and food vendors will set up. The people running the bar and the food vendors are not-for-profits - so please show them some support!!! The port-o-lets will also be in this outside yard area.

The last one to leave: If you are one of the last ones to leave the DOO following the parade, please pick up any valuables left on our table or in our krewé section and bring them to the secured Krewé area upstairs. We'll have access to the warehouse on Sunday morning for retrieval of valuables. BUT, there are no guarantees your things will be there. Rule of Thumb - if you can't live without it - don't bring it!!!

Please take a few minutes to review the Krewé du Vieux Safety Policy below - it's important!

KDV SAFETY POLICY

1. **Mules:** Keep at least 30 feet away from any mule and beware of unexpected mule behaviors such as stampeding, biting, or kicking. Do not make sudden or aggressive actions around the mules and follow all mule handler instructions. All members must be off the float and away from the mule when the mule is hitched to the float

2. **Medical:** Captains must define a procedure to respond to a medical emergency by members of their sub-Krewe trained in CPR or medicine. Procedures should include who will direct the members, when will they be relieved, who will notify the trailing Krewe and security personnel, and who will clear a pathway for public safety vehicles.

3. **Fire:** All members must be shown the location of the fire extinguisher and its operation. With a fire on the float, the first priority is to notify the mule handler. Simultaneously, spray the unobstructed base of the fire with the fire extinguisher. All nearby Krewe must respond with their fire extinguishers to any Krewe's float fire.

4. **Throws and parade crashers:** Membership will be immediately and summarily revoked for the following throws:
 - A. Liquids, caustics, powders, sharp objects, fireworks, commercial advertisements, hate-oriented materials, or any throws deemed inappropriate by the Officers of KdV or the Captain of the offending member's Sub-Krewe.
 - B. Any throw that may cause injury.
 - C. Aggressively throwing in a manner intended to injure.
 - D. Throwing at band members, mules, or the authorities listed in Section I.
 - E. Throws prohibited by law or common sense.Members should also point out to the police or to the Sub-Krewe's private security personnel (1) non-members marching with the parade, (2) spectators grabbing Krewe members, or (3) any other unreasonable spectator activity.

5. **Be reasonable:** Intoxicants must be used responsibly. Any actions that will lead to injuries such as fighting, falling, driving a vehicle, unreasonable inciting of spectators, non-compliance with KdV or public authorities, etc. is grounds for immediate, summary removal from both the parade and ball. There will be no appeal or refund of membership dues.

6. **Surfaces:** The streets of the parade have potholes and the ball will have slippery surfaces. You must assume that these hazards will not be marked and your caution is your best protection from these unavoidable hazards. All members are required to notify the ball venue staff of spilled liquids or other hazards.

7. **Floats:** Each member must know the location and operation of the fire extinguisher.