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Dear Fellow Revelers,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that we send you this letter regarding the Bayou Mardi Gras Association's upcoming parade. The spirit of Mardi Gras and the Cajun culture have always reveled through our streets. For this reason, The Bayou Mardi Gras Association is proud to announce the 2019 Parade on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The Association has reserved a number of floats and secured two corporate sponsors who will also provide a truck and driver to pull the float. If you are considering participating on a float, here are some of the details you will want to be aware of:

- Only Bayou Mardi Gras Association floats and sponsor vehicles may be used for the parade
- The cost to reserve a float this year has been reduced to **\$2,000.00 per float**. Each float will accommodate 20 to 22 riders.
- Each rider must sign a waiver and rules documentation, prior to boarding the floats.
- ***In order for the Association to assign you a float, a deposit of \$500.00 is due before January 18th.***
- ***Your full payment must be received by February 1st. If not, you will forfeit your deposit and the float will be re-assigned to a team on the waiting list.***
- ***Payments can be mailed or dropped off at: Norris International; 3011 West Admiral Doyle, New Iberia LA. 70560.***
- You will be supplied a 3x4 sign for each side of your float advertising your floats name, a vehicle with a driver and an onboard port-o-let.
- Float captains are responsible for getting the name and logo of their float to be printed on the 3x4 sign to BMGA no later than February 1st or no sign will be provided. You can email them to devin@norrisintl.com.
- Each float comes pre-decorated with lights however, ***riders are responsible for providing their own generator that supports the pre-decorated lights and sound equipment if desired.*** The opening for generators is 26"W x 36"D x 36"H.
- Set up time will start at 1PM on the day of the parade.
- All floats will be staged at the New Iberia City Park in order to be loaded.
- The parade is set to begin at 6:00PM. This means the floats will depart from the park at 5:30PM to be on the parade route at the appropriate time.

As customary with local parades, we are anticipating having representation from our local High School Marching Bands, Kings and Queens from local pageants and local dance schools.

As the excitement builds, we encourage you to make your plans early and include all confirmations. We anticipate building on the previous year's success.

Join us, and be part of Acadiana's opening Mardi Gras Celebration.

Sincerely,

Bayou Mardi Gras Association

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