

2026 Ocean Springs Elks Mardi Gras Parade Application

B.P.O.E. #2501

Ocean Springs, MS

The Ocean Springs Mardi Gras parade is an annual event which is sponsored by the Ocean Springs Elks Lodge #2501. The parade has been rolling for 49 seasons and we are proud to be the Coast's first major parade of the Mardi Gras season. This year we expect the parade to be the best ever! The parade will be on January 31th, 2026 and will roll at 1:00 PM. The parade route will be the same as in past years. We roll rain or shine, there is no rain date.

The theme for this year's parade is "50 Years of Elks' Mardi Gras".

There is a \$100.00 entry fee per organization, except for Military Units and Bands, which pay no fee. Guards/escorts for each unit are strongly encouraged for safety reasons.

No Glass Containers are permitted on any Unit.

Lewd and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

Offenders will be removed from the parade line-up and subject to arrest!

All floats are required to have a fire extinguisher onboard.

We will be using the 'line up as you arrive' procedure this year. Units will enter the parade route from Washington or Jackson Ave. South to Front Beach Drive, where you will be given a number for your unit. You will then pull up behind the last unit in the line. If you want to be in the front of the parade, we suggest you arrive NLT 10 AM or shortly after. We feel this system will lessen the traffic grid lock which we have been experiencing as our parade grew to one of the largest on the Coast. (Please include a good phone number on the application.)

Awards Presentation and Party - All parade participants are invited to a party after the parade for food, festivities and awards presentation at the Ocean Springs Elks Lodge on 2501 Beachview Dr.

For further information please call:

Marty Calhoun (Parade Captain) (228) 238-5599
 Bob Delaney (Parade Co-Captain) (228) 806-6520
 Elks' Lodge (228) 872-2501

Please fill out the lower portion of this form and return to:

Ocean Springs Elks Lodge #2501 (Parade)
 P.O. Box 881
 Ocean Springs, MS 39566-0881

Detach and Send in

Type of Unit (Circle the applicable one) Please make checks payable to: BPOE 2501

FLOAT BAND DRILL TEAM MARCHING CLUB MOTOR GROUP
 TRUCK INDIVIDUAL EQUESTRIAN CAR NO GOLF CARTS

E-Mail address _____

Name of Unit: Approx # in unit:

Insurance Company:

Point of Contact: Name Phone.....

Address: City/State/Zipcode