



MARDI GRAS

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2017

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Shreveport-Bossier MARDI GRAS HISTORY

Shreveport-Bossier throws the best family-friendly Mardi Gras! The carnival celebration came to northwest Louisiana in 1989 when the Krewe of Gemini was founded. The Krewe of Centaur soon followed in 1991. Today, Shreveport-Bossier is home to 15 krewes, each with its own personality. Mardi Gras float-riders toss more than eight million beads each year to seas of people waving their arms and shouting, "Throw me something, Mister!" Up to 400,000 paradegeers attend the festivities each year. From grand bals to authentic Cajun food and dazzling parades, there's a way for everyone to celebrate Mardi Gras in Shreveport-Bossier!




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A VOODOO SPELL WHICH
MAY CAUSE A FEELING OF
EXUBERANCE AND JOY,
AND MAY BRING ABOUT
AN OUTLOOK ON LIFE
THAT IS MORE POSITIVE
AND HOPEFUL.





PARADE SCHEDULE

KREWE OF SOBEK 13TH ANNUAL PARADE

JAN. 14 AT 1 P.M. | www.kreweofsobek.org

Parade begins at the Fairground Fields parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport. A fun-filled afternoon featuring floats, bands, marching groups, drill teams, queens, kings, youth sports teams, homecoming courts and more. See map on page 16.

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KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARDI GRAS PARADE

JAN. 16 AT 1 P.M. | www.kreweofharambee.org

Parade rolls in downtown Shreveport on Milam Street and Texas Street. A huge, family friendly parade that rolls through downtown Shreveport each year celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. features marching bands, stilt walkers, dozens of floats and more. See map on page 17.

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KREWE OF DEMETER MARDI GRAS PARADE

FEB. 4 AT 6 P.M. | www.kreweofcentaur.org

The parade begins at 1039 Washington Ave., Mansfield and will roll down Washington Street and Polk Street. Krewe of Demeter Mardi Gras Parade 2017 theme is Under the Big Top.

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KREWE OF CENTAUR PARADE XXVI

FEB. 18 AT 4:30 P.M. | www.kreweofcentaur.org

The parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport. One of the largest parades in Louisiana, the Krewe of Centaur rolls 10 days before Fat Tuesday, featuring marching bands, brightly colored floats and more. See map on page 15.



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KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PET PARADE

FEB. 19, 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M. | www.barkusandmeoux.org

Events on the Red, 2000 Reeves Marine Drive, Bossier City. The Mardi Paw Pet Parade is a chance for festive pets to celebrate Mardi Gras. All pet owners are invited to participate. Animal costumes are encouraged.

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KREWE OF GEMINI GRAND PARADE XXVIII

FEB. 25 AT 4 P.M. | www.kreweofgemini.com

Parade begins on Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport. Masked revelers on floats, marchers, and horseback riders respond to the age old cry "Throw me something, Mister!" by tossing beads, toys and trinkets. **See map on page 15.**

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KREWE OF HIGHLAND PARADE XXII

FEB. 26 AT 1 P.M. | www.thekreweofhighland.org

The parade rolls through Shreveport's historic Highland neighborhood and begins at the corner of Gilbert Drive and Gregg Avenue. Shreveport's most eccentric krewe is famous for throwing hotdogs, packs of ramen noodles, and moon pies. **See map on page 18.**

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CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS PARADE

FEB. 28 AT 6:30 P.M. | www.lesfemmesmystique.org

The parade will roll in the parking lot of the Pierre-Bossier Mall, 2950 E. Texas St., Bossier City. Join the Krewe of Les Femmes Mystique for a fun night of celebrating Mardi Gras at this children's parade.

MARDI GRAS

✓ PLAN AHEAD

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO HELP ENSURE AN ENJOYABLE PARADE EXPERIENCE AND REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CELEBRATE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY.



KREWE OF CENTARUR & KREWE OF GEMINI PARADES

- Arrive at 7 a.m. to reserve a spot on Clyde Fant Parkway.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed, but no glass containers are allowed. Alcohol is not allowed in the designated family-friendly zone on Clyde Fant Parkway.
- Port-a-potties will be available for public use along the parade route.
- On the parade days, all roads on the parade route close at 3:30 p.m.
- Parking is free in downtown Shreveport after 5 p.m. on Fridays and all day on weekends.
- Clyde Fant Parkway between East Preston Avenue and Milam Street is closed at 7 p.m. the evenings prior to the parades. The road re-opens at 7 a.m. the day of the parades.

MARDI GRAS PARADES

- Premium parade-watching spots will fill up quickly. Plan ahead and arrive 2-14 hours early for the best spot on the parade route.
- Dress appropriately, as temperatures can change quickly during parade season.
- Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on while waiting for the parade.
- Bring empty sacks for beads and throws.
- Bring hand wipes and sanitizer.
- Bring snacks and drinks to enjoy throughout the day.

PARADE TIPS



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

SHREVEPORT PARKS AND RECREATION EVENT SERVICES

318-673-5100 • Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

www.shreveportla.gov

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MARDI GRAS BASH

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SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER, LA

SAT., FEB. 18, 2017

FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

Your group will be treated to an exclusive party during the Krewe of Centaur Parade, one of the largest in the state. The party features a live band, Creole/Cajun food, face painting and other hands-on experiences you will never forget. While at the party be sure to yell, "Throw me something, Mister!" to the Mardi Gras royalty parading past you. No one will leave empty handed.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

Contact Erica Telsee at 1-800-551-8682 ext. 104 or etelsee@sbctb.org.

Tickets to this event are \$40 per person.



Mardi Gras LAGNIAPPE

(FRENCH FOR "SOMETHING EXTRA")

MARDI GRAS UNDER THE BRIDGE PRE-PARTIES

11 A.M. TO 4 P.M. | 500 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

Before the Krewe of Centaur and Krewe of Gemini parades roll, head down to the Red River District to listen to some local music, grab a bite to eat, shop for local products and let the good times roll!

KREWE OF CENTAUR PRE-PARTY - FEB. 18

KREWE OF GEMINI PRE-PARTY - FEB. 25

"IT'S WHAT WE EAT" COOKING CLASS

FEB. 19 AT 2:30 P.M. | Woman's Department Club

Book: 318-639-0022 or foodtourslouisiana@gmail.com

Learn to cook items from the Official Meal of North Louisiana. Spaces limited.

6TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS BASH

**FEB. 26 AT 3:30 P.M. | Marilyn's Place • 4041 Fern Ave., Shreveport
318-868-3004**

Enjoy the live band, crawfish, Cajun food and craft beer at this huge party to celebrate the end of the Krewe of Highland Parade.

BLESSING OF THE TEXAS STREET BRIDGE

FEB. 28 AT 11:30 P.M. | Texas Street Bridge, Shreveport

At midnight on Fat Tuesday, after the final parades have rolled, a crowd gathers at the center of the Texas Street Bridge in downtown Shreveport to participate in a closing ceremony led by Monsignor Provenza of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. This final round of revelry is open to the public.

Float Loading PARTIES

"The party before the party" starts as the two largest krewes in Shreveport-Bossier open their dens to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Dens are where Mardi Gras floats are decorated and constructed by krewe members. Visitors can see all the floats up close and personal before the parades. Admission is free.

KREWE OF CENTAUR FLOAT LOADING PARTY

**FEB. 17, 5:30 P.M. TO 9 P.M. | FREE
318-572-4632**

351 Aero Dr., Shreveport

Food and alcohol for purchase.

KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT LOADING PARTY

**FEB. 24, 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M. | FREE
318-458-5555**

2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City

Food and alcohol for purchase.



For a complete list of shops,
visit the "Things to Do" page
at www.Shreveport-Bossier.org.



Mardi Gras SOUVENIRS

TUBB'S CAJUN GIFTS, MARDI GRAS SUPPLY AND KING CAKES

318-746-0311 | 615 Benton Rd., Bossier City

Tubb's is home to tons of souvenirs and parade essentials including beads, boas, crawfish pots, Cajun seasoning, their specialty made X-Treme Cream Cheese King Cake and more.

www.tubbshardware.com

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FALSE RIVER GIFT SHOP AT RALPH AND KACOO'S

318-747-6660 | 1700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City

Located inside Ralph and Kacoo's restaurant, this gift shop offers Mardi Gras t-shirts, famous hurricane daiquiri mix, beignet mix, jewelry, mugs and more.

www.ralphandkacoos.com

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THE AGORA BOREALIS

318-268-3011 | 421 Lake St., Shreveport

Buy Mardi Gras masks, recipe books, jewelry, coffee, granola and candles among local art and crafts.

www.theagoraborealis.com

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ENCHANTED GARDEN

318-227-1213 | 2429 Line Ave., Shreveport

Find the perfect unique, hand-painted Mardi Gras masks, collectables, jewelry, figurines, frames, scarves and more.

www.enchantedgarden.com



Mardi Gras BALS

Put your best face (or mask) forward and celebrate with the krewes as they present their royal courts and dance the night away. Check with each krewe when purchasing tickets for dress codes, age restrictions and information about food and drinks.

KREWE OF AKEWA GRAND BAL 2017

JAN. 13 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$65

Harrah's Louisiana Downs

8000 E. Texas St., Bossier City

www.facebook.com/krewe.akewa.minden

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KREWE OF SOBEK GRAND BAL XIV

JAN. 13 AT 6 P.M. | \$80

Shreveport Convention Center

400 Caddo St., Shreveport

www.kreweofsobek.org

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KREWE DE LES FEMMES MYSTIQUE BAL

JAN. 20 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$80

Harrah's Louisiana Downs

8000 E. Texas St., Bossier City

www.lesfemmesmystique.org

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CIRQUE DU ATLAS: MACABRE

JAN. 21 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$75

Shreveport Convention Center

400 Caddo St., Shreveport

www.kreweofatlas.org

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KREWE OF DEMETER BAL

JAN. 28 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$75

David Means Memorial 4-H Center

1011 Hwy. 171, Grand Cane

www.facebook.com/krewe-of-demeter



KREWE OF ELDERS GRAND BAL

JAN. 28 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$75

Events on the Red

2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City

www.thekreweofelders.wixsite.com

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KREWE OF CENTAUR GRAND BAL XXVI

FEB. 4 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$80

Shreveport Convention Center

400 Caddo St., Shreveport

www.kreweofcentaur.org

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KREWE OF GEMINI BAL XXVIII

FEB. 11 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$80

Shreveport Convention Center

400 Caddo St., Shreveport

www.kreweofgemini.com

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KREWE OF ARTEMIS-SPRINGHILL GRAND MARDI GRAS BAL

FEB. 14 AT 6:30 P.M. | \$50

Springhill Civic Center

101 Machen Dr., Springhill

www.facebook.com/kreweofartemis.springhill

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KREWE OF HIGHLAND BAL

FEB. 24 AT 7 P.M. | \$50

Randall T. Moore Center

3101 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport

www.thekreweofhighland.org



TASTES

of



PO-BOYS AT KIM'S SEAFOOD AND PO-BOY

901 Benton Rd., Bossier City | 318-752-2425

Whether stuffed with fried oysters, shrimp, roast beef or softshell crab, the po-boy sandwiches at Kim's Seafood and Po-Boy are some of the most authentic in Shreveport-Bossier.

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BEIGNETS AT MARILYNN'S PLACE

4041 Fern Ave., Shreveport | 318-868-3004

Looking for the perfect parade day breakfast? Marilyn's Place offers fresh beignets – airy pastries covered in powdered sugar and best enjoyed with a cup of coffee.

www.marilynns-place.com

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CRAWFISH ETOUFFEE AT HERBY-K'S

1833 Pierre Ave., Shreveport | 318-424-2724

In business since 1936, Herby-K's is a legendary seafood hole-in-the-wall. While it is best known as "Home of the Shrimp Buster" for its unique take on a shrimp po-boy, the crawfish etouffee here is rich, flavorful and not to be missed.

www.herbyks.net

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SHRIMP AND CRAB GUMBO AT JACQUELYN'S CAFÉ

1324 Louisiana Ave., Shreveport | 318-227-8598

Head to Jacquelyn's Café for some of the richest, most delicious gumbo around. A local favorite, Jacquelyn's is also home to fantastic jambalaya, shrimp salad sandwiches and more.

www.jacquelynscafe.com

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BOUDIN BALLS AT BERGERON'S BOUDIN & CAJUN MEATS

7805 E Kings Hwy., Shreveport | 3933 Benton Rd., Bossier City

318-670-7204 | 318-741-2243

Headed to a parade? Get your food to go from Bergeron's. Hot boudin balls, spicy chicken wings and more are made daily. You can also buy Gambino's French bread, and many frozen options such as stuffed shrimp, gumbo and red beans and rice to bring the party home with you.

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For a complete list of restaurants, visit
www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/dining.



JULIE ANNE'S BAKERY & CAFÉ

318-424-4995

825 Kings Hwy., Shreveport

www.julieannesbakery.com

BUTTERCUP'S CUPCAKES

318-797-6696

6535 Youree Dr., Shreveport

www.ilovebuttercups.com

Get King Cake for one in the form of
a cupcake!

LILAH'S BAKERY

318-676-1407

1718 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport

www.lilahsdeli.com

GET *Your* KING CAKES HERE!

KING CAKE HISTORY

It's not Mardi Gras without King Cake! This delicious tradition dates back to the 12th century in France to honor the Three Kings who visited Jesus. In 1870, the tradition was brought to New Orleans. It tastes like a hybrid of coffee cake and French pastry and is topped with icing and purple, green and gold sprinkles. Look out for the plastic baby Jesus placed inside. The tradition is whoever finds it is king for the day and has to buy the next King Cake!





POUR ME

From vintage New Orleans inspired cocktails to drive-thru daiquiris and local brewed craft beer, Shreveport-Bossier offers many unique Louisiana libations. Please celebrate responsibly and obey open-container laws.

DRIVE-THRU DAIQUIRIS

A constant source of amusement to visitors, Louisiana's famous drive-thru daiquiri stands are located throughout Shreveport-Bossier. These shops sell potent slushy-like cocktails with names like "The Cajun Curse" (available at *Cajun Daiquiris, 3306 Youree Dr., Shreveport*) and "Call a Cab" (available at *Hollywood Daiquiri, 4144 Hollywood Ave., Shreveport*) at drive-thru windows.

SHARK ATTACK DAIQUIRI AT ALKY THERAPY

318-716-1322 | 4312 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport

Drinks come topped with fresh fruit, candy, flavored tapioca pearls, chocolate-covered strawberries and more. Taste their version of the famous Shark Attack, made with blue Hawaiian rum and decorated with grenadine and shark candy.

www.alkytherapy.com

THE TWISTED MULE AT TWISTED ROOT BURGER CO.

318-868-6410 | 8690 Line Ave., Shreveport & 2578 Airline Dr., Bossier City

Shreveport-Bossier's only kegged cocktail, the twisted mule is an easy-drinking version of the Moscow mule, made with ginger beer, vodka, housemade tea syrup and lemons.

www.twistedrootburgerco.com/shreveport

BARREL-AGED OLD FASHIONED

AT WINE COUNTRY BISTRO AND BOTTLE SHOP

318-629-9463 | 4800 Line Ave., Shreveport

Wine Country Bistro and Bottle Shop's take on this traditional bourbon cocktail includes whiskey, bitters, sugar, muddled cherries and orange peel. It is barrel-aged for 30 to 60 days before serving.

www.winecountrynet.com

THE LONG-ALLEN ICED TEA AT BLIND TIGER

318-226-8747 | 120 Texas St., Shreveport

Located at the foot of the Texas Street Bridge, The Blind Tiger is in a great spot and serves their own version of the Long Island iced tea in honor of Louisiana Governors Huey P. Long and O.K. Allen.

www.blindtigerrestaurant.com



SOMETHING, MISTER!



Local Craft BREWERIES

FLYING HEART BREWERY

318-344-8775 | 700 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

Tour the brewery and tasting room to learn about the history of Flying Heart Brewing – Bossier City's first brewery. Tours include information about the company's labels as well as a pint or flight of beer at the end of the tour. Must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$5. 3:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

www.flyingheartbrewing.com

GREAT RAFT BREWERY

318-272-6573 | 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport

Each Saturday, learn about the history of Great Raft Brewing, the brewing process, canning, packaging and more. Each tour lasts about 25 minutes and can accommodate 25 guests. Must be 21 or older. Admission is free. 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays. www.greatraftbrewing.com

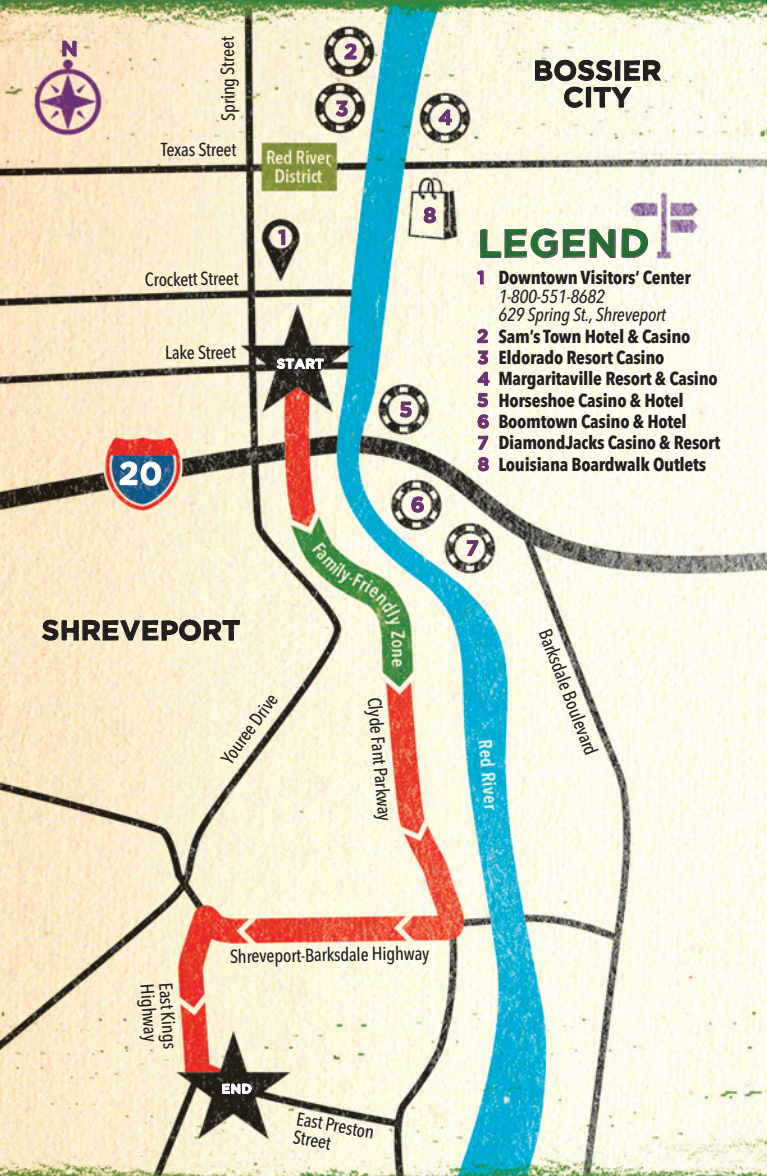
RED RIVER BREWING CO.

318-317-4110 | 1200 Marshall St. #500, Shreveport

Kick back at Shreveport's newest brewery. Sip on beers that are named after historical events in north Louisiana like Hay Ryed, the Heliopolis and Session 18 while playing corn hole and other games. Must be 21 or older. www.redriverbeer.com

Krewes of CENTAUR AND GEMINI PARADE ROUTES

FEB. 18 (4:30 P.M.) & FEB. 25 (4 P.M.)



The parade begins at the corner of Lake Street and Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport. The floats will travel south down Clyde Fant Parkway to Shreveport-Barksdale Highway. From there, the parade continues west until it makes a left at East Kings Highway. The parade comes to an end at the corner of East Kings Highway and East Preston Street.

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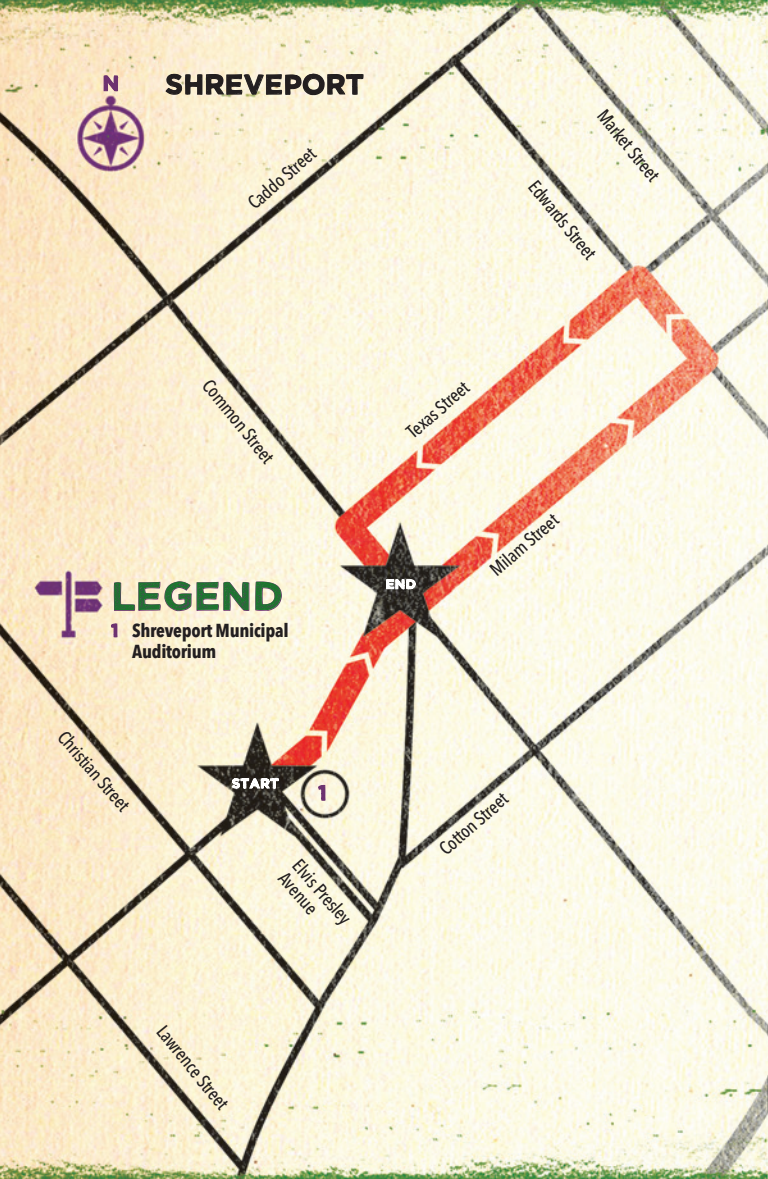
PARADE ROUTE

JAN. 14 AT 1 P.M.



- Exit Grosjean Street from the Fairgrounds onto Greenwood Road headed west
- Right turn on Mertis Street, headed north
- Right turn on Lakeshore Drive, headed east
- Right turn on Missouri Avenue headed south back to the Fairgrounds

Krewes of
HARAMBEE
PARADE ROUTE
JAN. 16 AT 1 P.M.



The parade will begin at Shreveport Municipal Auditorium on Elvis Presley Avenue, continue east on Milam Street, left on Edwards and left on Texas through downtown Shreveport and will end on Elvis Presley Avenue.

Krewe of HIGHLAND PARADE ROUTE

FEB. 26 AT 1 P.M.



- Parade begins at Gilbert Drive and Gregg Avenue, Shreveport
- Head north on Gilbert Drive
- Turn west on Gladstone Boulevard
- Head north on Creswell Avenue
- Head east on Herndon Street
- Head south on Highland Avenue
- Head east on Olive Street
- Head south on Centenary Boulevard
- Head west on Gladstone where parade ends



Plan your trip
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