

**2012 Lake Charles / Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau
Shoebox Float Contest**

From the wonderful world of the carnival season, the Lake Charles / Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau will bring Mardi Gras to life with our Shoebox Float Contest.

Shoebox Floats represent a seasonal piece of Louisiana, and every family member can join in the creative fun.

SCHOOL GROUPS

Pre-School
Elementary (Grades K-5)
Middle School (Grades 6-8)
High School (Grades 9-12)
Club/Organizations (grades K-12)

AMATEUR

Child (0-11years)
Teen (12-18 years)
Adult
Club/Organizations (adult/civic)

RULES:

- 1. Your float must be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox no larger than 9" x 13" and limited only by your imagination.**
- 2. Decorations on the box should not exceed 15" tall.**
- 3. Avoid wheels, placing float on truck body, motorized toys or a piece of cardboard larger than the shoebox.**
- 4. Only one float per amateur applicant**
- 5. A school group may enter no more than three floats per class.**
- 6. Name of individual or group should be placed on the bottom of the float only.**
- 7. Floats will be received on Friday, February 3, 2012 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Bureau.**
- 8. Judging will be based on theme, originality and construction. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented Saturday, February 4, 2012 by Gumbeaux Gator at the Bureau.**
- 9. Shoebox floats will remain on display at the Bureau through Friday, February 24, 2012.**
- 10. The People's Choice Award will be announced Thursday, February 23, 2012.**
- 11. Once the display has concluded, the floats must be picked up by Friday, February 24, 2012.**

For information, contact the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau
at (337) 436-9588 or
1-800-456-SWLA. (Please return entry form below)

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Name: _____
School/Club/Organization Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____

Please check one of the following divisions:

SCHOOL GROUPS (will be allowed no more than three floats per class or group)
Due to space limitations see size requirements listed in rules

_____ Pre-School
_____ Elementary (Grades K-5)
_____ Middle School (Grades 6-8)
_____ High School (Grades 9-12)
_____ Club/Organizations (school age)

AMATEUR (will be allowed one float per entry)
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_____ Adult
_____ Club/Organization (adult/civic)

Please return entry form to the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, PO
Box 1912, Lake Charles, LA 70602. Or fax it to 337-494-7952 attention: Cindy Johnson
Email: cjohnson@visitlakecharles.org

Deadline for entry forms is January 23, 2012