**NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Mardi Gras Parades Parking Lot Rules and Regulations**

Nicholls State University is once again inviting the public to park on University property for the Mardi Gras parade events that are staged on our campus. The parking options are as follows:

1. Reserved seasonal passes for campers and for cars/trucks. These seasonal passes reserve the same spot for all of the 2011 Mardi Gras parades staged on the campus.
2. Paid parking – For cars and trucks on the day of parades.
3. Free parking – Those zones designated for the general public who do not wish to pay.

**RESERVED PARKING**

The University is offering reserved parking space adjacent to the parade route that goes through the campus. Guests will pay a fee based on whether they have a camper or an automobile (car, pick-up, or SUV). A person requesting a reserved space would pay the following:

* ***Campers - $200 per annual Mardi Gras Parades***
* ***Cars/Pick-ups - $50 per annual Mardi Gras Parades***

The reserved space will be effective for all of the 2011 Mardi Gras parades that are staged on the Nicholls State University campus. Each year the Ambrosia Krewe will roll two weeks before Mardi Gras and the Krewes of Cleophas and Chronos roll the Sunday before Mardi Gras day. The fee applies to the Ambrosia and Cleophas/Chronos weekends. If the parade is canceled due to inclement weather and roll on a different day, the same fee is applicable.

**Rules for Reserved Parking:**

* All interested parties will submit a Mardi Gras Parade Parking Application Form with a check made out to Nicholls State University to University Police. The forms will become available at University Police and or on the University Police website, [www.nicholls.edu/police/](http://www.nicholls.edu/police/) starting on the Monday of the second week of January each year. The application process is on a first come first served basis.
* The University will assign parking spaces based on the information given on the application form. The parade route road-side spaces will be placed on a first come, first serve basis through the application process. See attached map for designated camper parking.
* A camper parking space is defined as an approximate 16’ wide space and single car/vehicle space is approximately 8‘wide space. Please indicate on the application how many vehicles you wish to park in the reserved area. If pulling a camper and you only want to pay for the camper, you may park the other vehicle in a non-reserved area. Please refer to the campus map. Once the camper is parked, the towing vehicle must disconnect and park elsewhere.
* A visitor cannot apply for more than the space needed for their camper/vehicles. Each party is responsible for reserving their space. There will be a limit of one camper space per application season. Campers may only use the space that has been reserved for them.
* Those parties wishing to reserve space next to each other need to go to University Police and apply at the same time and or send two applications together with payments in one envelope.
* The University will send a reserved parking pass that will be used to gain entry to the area in advance. A list of parking/camping regulations will be included.
* The University will clear lots by 6:00 p.m. on Friday before parade day. Any vehicle parked in reserved spaces will be towed to accommodate pre-paid reservations. Any vehicle that does not have a reserved parking pass or is parked in the wrong area prior to the time for reserved parking to begin will be towed at their expense.
* Visitors with campers must park on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
* Visitors with reserved spaces must be gone by 7:00 p.m. following the last parade of the weekend. The reserved area and surrounding space should be clean and all garbage and debris before leaving University property.
* Lot 7 is the assigned camper parking space. Campers cannot park in any other lot.
* No outside fires (fire rings, bon-fires, etc.)
* Each camper is responsible for their own garbage pick-up. If reserved space is left messy the University reserves the right to charge a clean-up fee.
* Visitors may reside in campers overnight, but tailgate parties are prohibited prior to parade day. The reserved parking areas must be quiet and visitors indoors by 9:00 p.m.
* All campers must be self-sufficient. Each camper must be equipped with water, generator and waste disposal systems. Campers are prohibited from using university water, gas and electrical sources.
* Visitors are prohibited from tying or connecting to University property including signs, buildings, cabling, etc.
* Glass containers are prohibited on University property.
* No homemade port-o-lets allowed. No dumping of human waste on University property allowed.

**PARADE-DAY PAID PARKING**

Visitors may park in several lots designated for automobile (car, pick-up truck, van, and/or SUV) single automobile parking for a fee. See attached Parking Map. The fees are:

**$10 per day per vehicle**

**(No campers allowed in these lots)**

**Rules for Parade-Day Paid Parking**

* Visitors may park in these lots on parade day only. The lots will be open starting at 8:00 a.m. on parade day.
* Visitors in the paid parking lots cannot set-up tailgate activities in the lot. Visitors must use the lawn areas for tailgate activities.
* No tying or securing items to any university property.
* Visitors must gather and dispose of garbage in a dumpster, or take with them for disposal at home.
* The Parade-Day Paid Parking is based on a first-come, first-served basis.
* Do not park in grassy areas.
* No glass containers allowed on campus.
* No homemade port-a-lets are permitted, nor are visitors allowed to dump human waste on university property.
* Vehicles must leave the lot by 7:00 p.m. following a parade event.

**FREE VISITOR PARKING**

Visitors who want to park without paying can do so by parking on the interior streets and parking lots. See attached campus map. The free parking is just a short walk to the parade route.

**Rules for Free Visitor Parking:**

* Campus visitors must dispose of garbage in a proper manner.
* No overnight camping allowed.
* Glass containers are prohibited on university property.
* No homemade port-o-lets are permitted, nor are visitors allowed to dump human waste on university property.
* Campus visitors must vacate the premise and/or campus by 7:00 p.m. following a parade event.
* No tying or securing personal belongings to university property.