

**2011 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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\_\_\_\_\_ Child (0-11 years)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Teen (12-18 years)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto:cjohnson@visitlakecharles.org)

**Deadline for entry forms is January 9, 2012**