



Carnivale!

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PRESS RELEASE and CALL FOR ENTRIES

Manitou Springs Carnivale Parade is Saturday, Feb. 13 – Happy Days Are Here Again!

The Carnivale Parade, Manitou's annual Mardi Gras-style celebration of art, great food and good times, is once again putting out the call for festival-goers to parade down Manitou Avenue. This year will mark the 18th renewal of the region's oldest and largest public Mardi Gras event. Individuals, groups, musicians singly or in groups – just about anything in any way entertaining and non-motorized – are encouraged to show up and show off. Giant puppets, many-peopled snakes and dragons, highly individualized costumes, human-powered floats defying description and much, much more typically wind their way along the Avenue from Memorial Park to Soda Springs Park.

This year's Carnivale Parade will be Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. The theme for the 2010 Carnivale Parade is "Happy Days Are Here Again!"

The rules for the Parade continue to be few and sensible. Those wishing to march, singly or in groups, need only show up in Memorial Park before 12:30 p.m. in costume. Musical instruments are welcome, as are bands and human and animal powered floats. No motorized vehicles are allowed and participants are cautioned that any illegal activities will result in a citation from the Manitou police. Open containers of alcohol are against the law. The Parade is family-friendly.

All are invited, just dress up and show up at Memorial Park by 12:30 p.m. the day of the Parade.

Those wishing to inquire about volunteer opportunities for Carnivale should call 685-9127 or call the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce at 685-5089.

The Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo Cook-Off will once again precede the Parade and will be held in Soda Springs Park, with public tastings – two for a buck – beginning at 11 a.m. For Gumbo Cook-Off information and rules, call the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, 685-5089.

From now through February, anyone who spends at least \$75 dollars at any combination of Manitou Springs businesses can bring their receipts to the Manitou Chamber of Commerce, 354 Manitou Ave., and receive a free companion lift ticket to Monarch Mountain Ski and Snowboarding Area.

For Carnivale information, call 685-9127 or write to Carnivale, P.O. Box 847, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.