



Mask Contest

Rules & Entry Form

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Kids Ages 5-12 years can get into the spirit of the Mardi Gras Celebration by creating their very own Mardi Gras Mask and enter it in the Mask Contest which awards **\$150 Cash** to the best mask! **1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies** will also be awarded. Prize money courtesy of Lakeview Marina. *Mask will need to be turned into City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12th* so the panel of judges can judge the mask prior to the Mardi Gras Celebration. Then on Fat Tuesday, participants can pick up their masks at City Hall to wear for the event! Those not picked up will be displayed in the City Hall Lobby. **Winners will be announced from Main Stage at approximately 8 p.m.** Contestants do not have to be present to win however if you are there when announced we'd love to have a picture of you and your mask taken on the stage!

Judging criteria is based on these categories: **PRESENTATION** (beauty/creativity); **WORKMANSHIP** (design/detail); **THEME** (represents Mardi Gras)

Let loose and don't miss out on the sights, sounds, taste & ART of Fat Tuesday—Lake Dallas Style!

The History of the Mardi Gras Mask – an important cultural Legacy

The history of Mardi Gras masks dates back to the 18th century when all groups of society could hide their identities and go unrecognized in the events of Mardi Gras. Both the very rich and poor would wear masks to hide their identities so they could participate in fancy dress balls, street parades and nightly parties without being recognized. The working-class people would often dress so they wouldn't be turned away from prestige events held during the week of Mardi Gras. A colorful, decorative mask and costume allowed anyone to **rise above his or her everyday life and construct a new identity – which gave Mardi Gras its soul.**

Please turn in entry form and mask to Lake Dallas City Hall (212 Main St., Lake Dallas, TX 75065) by **5 p.m. Feb. 12th, 2010**. Masks will be judge prior to the Mardi Gras Celebration so mask can be picked up before 5 p.m. to wear for the event. Mask not picked up will be displayed inside Lake Dallas City Hall. Contest winners will be revealed on the Main Stage at 8 p.m. Contestant prize money courtesy of Lakeview Marina!



Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

How did you hear about this event (please circle answer or complete other)? Newspaper Flyer

Poster School Word of Mouth Other? List: _____



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