A voodoo spell which may cause a feeling of exuberance and joy, and may bring an outlook on life that is more positive and hopeful.
Located in northwest Louisiana, Shreveport-Bossier throws the best family-friendly Mardi Gras in the state. Whether you’re catching beads at a parade, tapping your feet to a second-line band, or digging into a po-boy, good times are waiting around every corner.

Plan your trip today! For exclusive hotel offers, visit www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
KREWE OF SOBEK PARADE
☑ Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.
📍 Parade begins at the Fair Grounds Field parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport.
This fun-filled afternoon features floats, bands, marching groups, drill teams, royalty, youth sports teams, homecoming courts, and more.
📞 318-734-8206 🌐 www.kreweofsobek.org

KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARDI GRAS PARADE
☑ Jan. 20 at 1 p.m.
📍 Parade begins at Milam Street at Texas Street and ends at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Shreveport.
Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mardi Gras-style, this family-friendly parade features marching bands, dancers, stilt-walkers, dozens of floats, and more.
📞 318-286-5878 🌐 www.kreweofharambee.net

KREWE OF CENTAUR MARDI GRAS PARADE XXIX
☑ Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.
📍 Parade begins in downtown Shreveport at Clyde Fant Parkway at Lake Street, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, and rolls through the Broadmoor neighborhood.
One of the largest parades in Louisiana, the Krewe of Centaur rolls 10 days before Fat Tuesday and features marching bands, brightly colored floats and more. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.
📞 318-393-8560 🌐 www.kreweofcentaur.org
KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PET PARADE

Feb. 9 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Events on the Red, 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City

Drawing more than 10,000 spectators a year, this huge parade of costumed pets is a chance for festive pet owners to celebrate Mardi Gras with their fur babies.

www.barkusandmeoux.org

KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS PARADE XXXI

Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m.
Parade begins in downtown Shreveport at Clyde Fant Parkway at Lake Street, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, and rolls through the Broadmoor neighborhood.

Parade attendees can catch limitless beads, trinkets, stuffed animals, toys and more from masked revelers on floats as they yell the age-old cry, “Throw me something, Mister!” This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

318-741-9264  www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE OF HIGHLAND MARDI GRAS PARADE XX

Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.
The parade begins at the intersection of Gregg Avenue at Gilbert Drive in Shreveport and rolls through the historic Highland neighborhood.

Shreveport’s most eccentric krewe welcomes everyone to attend this funky, family-friendly neighborhood parade, which is famous for its unpredictable throws including ramen noodles, moon pies and hot dogs. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

318-402-1132  www.thekreweofhighland.org
Follow these tips to help ensure an enjoyable parade experience and remember to always celebrate safely and responsibly.

KREWE OF CENTAUR & KREWE OF GEMINI PARADES

- Clyde Fant Parkway between East Preston Avenue and Milam Street closes to traffic at 7 p.m. on evenings prior to parades and reopens at 7 a.m. on parade day.
- Premium parade-watching spots will fill up quickly. Plan ahead and arrive early for the best spot on the parade route.
- See the parade route map in the back of this guide for great parade-watching spots.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Krewe of Centaur and Krewe of Gemini parades, but no glass containers are allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed in the family-friendly zone on Clyde Fant Parkway.
- Port-a-potties will be available for public use along the parade route.
- On parade days, all roads on the parade route close at 3:30 p.m.
- Parking is free in downtown Shreveport after 5 p.m. on Fridays and all day on weekends.

MARDI GRAS PARADES

- Dress appropriately, as temperatures can change quickly during parade season.
- Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on while waiting for the parade.
- Bring empty sacks for beads and throws.
- Bring hand wipes and sanitizer.
- Bring snacks and drinks to enjoy throughout the day.
- Bring cash if you want to purchase toys and souvenirs from the push carts that go up and down the parade routes.
“The party before the party” starts as krewes in Shreveport-Bossier open their dens to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Dens are where Mardi Gras floats are decorated and constructed by krewe members. Visitors can see all the floats up close and personal before the parades.

KREWE OF HARAMBEE ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND FLOAT LOADING PARTY
📅 Jan. 19 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
📍 1049 Grimmet Dr., Shreveport
The members of Krewe of Harambee bring their favorite southern dish to share including a pig roasted on an open pit for the guests to share. Free admission.
📞 318-286-5878  🌐 www.kreweofharambee.net

KREWE OF CENTAUR FLOAT LOADING PARTY
📅 Feb. 14, time TBA
📍 351 Aero Dr., Shreveport
The Krewe of Centaur opens its den to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Food and beverages for purchase. Free admission.
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.href="www.kreweofcentaur.org"

KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT LOADING PARTY
📅 Feb. 21 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
📍 2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City
Explore the Krewe of Gemini den with all its ornate floats while enjoying food, music and more. Food and alcohol for purchase. Free admission.
📞 318-741-9264  🌐 www.kreweofgemini.com

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
Put your best face (or mask) forward and celebrate with the krewes as they present their royal courts and dance the night away. Check with each krewe when purchasing tickets for dress codes, age restrictions, and information about food and drinks.

KREWE OF SOBEK GRAND BAL XVII
- Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. $80
- Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.kreweofsobek.org

KREWE OF ELDERS GRAND BAL
- Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. TBA
- American Legion Post 14, 5315 S. Lakeshore Dr., Shreveport
- 318-925-3914

KREWE OF JUSTINIAN GRAND XXVI BAL
- Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. $100
- Riverdome at Horseshoe Casino and Hotel, 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City
- www.kreweofjustinian.com

KREWE OF CENTAUR GRAND BAL XXIX
- Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. $90
- Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
- www.kreweofcentaur.org
KREWE OF ATLAS GRAND BAL XII
☑ Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. $85
Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
www.kreweofatlas.org

KREWE OF GEMINI GRAND BAL
☑ Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. $100
Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE DES AMBASSADEURS GRAND BAL XIX
☑ Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. $80
Sam’s Town Casino and Hotel, 315 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
www.facebook.com/krewedesambassadeurs

KREWE OF HARAMBEE SAADA MASKHARA BAL
☑ Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. $85
Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
www.kreweofharambee.net
12TH NIGHT PARTY
Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. $50
Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City
Celebrate the start of the Mardi Gras season with the Krewe of Gemini and other Shreveport-Bossier krewes.
www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE OF HARAMBEE’S MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST
Jan. 20 at 8 a.m. $20
Petroleum Club of Shreveport, 416 Travis St., Shreveport
Members of the Krewe of Harambee host this special breakfast to award deserving students college scholarships. This event is open to the public.
318-286-5878 www.kreweofharambee.net

RED RIVER MARDI GRAS BASH
Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. $40
Corner of Lake Street and Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport
Groups of 10 or more will enjoy this exclusive party and front row experience to the Krewe of Centaur parade hosted by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. Tickets include live entertainment, savory Cajun and Creole food, king cake, a commemorative Mardi Gras bead and t-shirt, and more. Must be 21 years or older to attend.
Contact Erica Telsee, Tourism Sales Manager, at etelsee@sbctb.org.
1-800-551-8682 ext. 104 www.shreveportmardigras.com

In French, "Lagniappe" means "a little something extra." In Shreveport-Bossier, we’re a whole lot of extra.
What's with the Jackets?

"TRASH JACKETS" are a Carnival season tradition in Shreveport-Bossier.

BY CHRIS JAY
www.20x49.com blogger

Visit Shreveport-Bossier for Mardi Gras, and you’re likely to meet lots of local krewe members sporting “trash jackets.” These festively decorated tuxedo jackets usually start out as last season’s formalwear before being covered in colorful pins, patches, stitching, and doo-dads.

Often, you can determine which krewe the wearer belongs to, their position on Mardi Gras courts (look for pins emblazoned with titles like “Duchess”), and even their hobbies by looking closely at the jacket. Each trash jacket tells a story, and the wearer typically adds one new decoration each Carnival season.

Want to assemble your own trash jacket? Just buy a used tuxedo jacket and get started!

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
ENCHANTED GARDEN
2429 Line Ave., Shreveport
Find perfect, handcrafted Mardi Gras masks, collectibles, jewelry, home goods, clothing, and more.
318-227-1213  www.enchantedgarden.com

FALSE RIVER GIFT SHOP AT RALPH AND KACOO’S
1700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City
Located inside Ralph and Kacoo’s restaurant, this gift shop offers Mardi Gras t-shirts, famous hurricane daiquiri mix, beignet mix, jewelry, mugs, and more.
318-747-6660  www.ralphandkacoos.com

LOUISIANA SPECIALTY GIFTS
450 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
Shop for Louisiana-theme gifts, flare and flavor at this shop located in the Red River District.
318-210-5207  www.facebook.com/louisianaspecialtygifts

THE AGORA BOREALIS
421 Lake St., Shreveport
Buy Mardi Gras masks, recipe books, jewelry, coffee, granola, and candles among local art and crafts.
318-268-3011  www.theagoraborealis.com

TUBBS HARDWARE & CAJUN GIFTS
615 Benton Rd., Bossier City
Tubbs is home to tons of souvenirs and parade essentials including beads, boas, crawfish pots, beads, Cajun seasoning, their specialty made X-Treme Cream Cheese King Cake, and more.
318-746-0311  www.tubbshardware.com

For a complete list of shops, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/Things-To-Do
KING CAKE HISTORY

It’s not Mardi Gras without king cake! This delicious tradition dates back to the 12th century in France and honors the Three Kings who visited Jesus. In 1870, the tradition was brought to New Orleans. Shreveport-Bossier’s king cakes range from traditional versions, like those at Lowder Baking Company, to the more decadent cakes available at Tubbs Hardware & Cajun Gifts, Lilah’s Bakery and Julie Anne’s Bakery & Café.

BUTTERCUPS CUPCAKES
6535 Youree Dr., Shreveport
Enjoy king cake in the form of cupcakes.
318-797-6696  www.ilovebuttercups.com

JULIE ANNE’S BAKERY & CAFÉ
825 Kings Hwy., Shreveport
318-424-4995  www.julieannesbakery.com

LILAH’S BAKERY
1718 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport
318-676-1407  www.lilahsdeli.com

LOWDER BAKING COMPANY
4019 Fern Ave., Shreveport
318-453-9141  www.lowderbakingcompany.com

THE WOODEN SPOON
4350 Viking Dr., Bossier City
318-742-6486  www.woodenspoononline.com

TUBBS HARDWARE & CAJUN GIFTS
615 Benton Rd., Bossier City
318-746-0311  www.tubbshardware.net

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
BARBECUE SHRIMP at Frank’s Louisiana Kitchen
**1023 Provenance Blvd., Ste. 200, Shreveport**
It can be tough to track down a great order of barbecue shrimp outside of New Orleans, but Frank’s Louisiana Kitchen in Shreveport serves a masterful version of this legendary recipe. Head-on Gulf shrimp are sautéed in an unbelievably rich sauce and served with toasted French bread.

📞 318-688-3535  
🌐 www.frankslakitchen.com

BEIGNETS at Larry P’s Boiling Point (Food Truck)
**2260 E. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport**
Any conversation about the best beignets in Shreveport-Bossier must include Larry P’s Boiling Point, a Cajun food truck that is typically parked at 2260 E. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop in Shreveport. Larry P’s is also a popular stop for boiled shrimp, crawfish, shaved ice, and more.

📞 318-560-2250  
🌐 www.larrypsboilingpot.com

For a complete list of local restaurants, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/Restaurants
BREAD PUDDING at BeauxJax Crafthouse
501 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City
BeauxJax Crafthouse is a sprawling Cajun eatery located in Bossier City’s new East Bank District. During Mardi Gras season, the restaurant often hosts live music, cook-outs, and parties coordinated with the axe-throwing bar next door. Satisfy your sweet tooth with their fantastic homemade bread pudding topped with Bayou Rum-infused icing.

318-584-7169  www.facebook.com/beauxjacrafthouse

CRAWFISH CORNBREAD SUPREME at Cassandra’s Louisiana Kitchen
9001 Jewella Ave., Shreveport
Looking for a new way to enjoy delicious Louisiana crawfish tails? Try them baked into a slab of sweet and spicy cornbread topped with delicious, homemade crawfish étouffée for a unique meal that seamlessly fuses traditional flavors of northern and southern Louisiana.

318-828-2128  www.facebook.com/cassandralakitchen

FRIED OYSTER PO’ BOY at Herby-K’s
1833 Pierre Ave., Shreveport
Herby-K’s, one of Shreveport’s oldest continually operated restaurants, has been a destination for outstanding Louisiana seafood since 1936. While the restaurant is best known for its famous open-faced po’ boy, the Shrimp Buster, their oyster po’ boys are among the very best in Louisiana.

318-424-2724  www.herbyks.net

JAMBALAYA EGGROLLS at The Cajun Asian
1964 Airline Dr., Bossier City
The Cajun Asian puts a new spin on an iconic Louisiana dish by stuffing classic jambalaya into an eggroll and serving it with their addictive “Casian” dipping sauce. Other unique fusion dishes on the menu include crawfish-stuffed wontons, étouffée fried rice, and Cajun pad Thai.

318-588-5250  www.facebook.com/thecajunasian318

STUFFED SHRIMP at Orlandeaux’s Café
4916 Monkhouse Dr., Shreveport
One of Shreveport’s longest-running culinary traditions is the Shreveport-style stuffed shrimp, a spicy and flavorful delicacy served by several local restaurants with roots dating back to the 1920s. Orlandeaux’s Café, where zydeco music blares over the house stereo and local beer flows from the taps, is a great place to fuel up before a parade.

318-635-1641  www.orlandeauxs.com

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
From classic, New Orleans-style cocktails to local craft beer, Shreveport-Bossier offers many unique Louisiana libations. Please celebrate responsibly and obey open-container laws.

318 GOLDEN ALE at Great Raft Brewing
1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport
Since opening in 2013, Great Raft Brewing has established itself as one of the South’s most acclaimed and award-winning regional breweries. Great Raft produces and distributes four flagship beers throughout the South, but the 318 Golden Ale is only available for purchase within the 318 area code. Visit their beautiful tasting room or grab a six-pack for the parade route.

318-734-9881  www.greatraftbrewing.com
BOURBON MILK PUNCH at Red River Brewing Company
1200 Marshall St., Shreveport
Popularized at Dickie Brennan’s Bourbon House in the French Quarter, this refreshing – and deceptively potent – holiday beverage typically appears on cocktail menus from Thanksgiving until Fat Tuesday. Red River Brewing Company mixes a great milk punch and offers in-house dining, craft beer brewed on-site, a game room, and more.
318-317-4110 www.redriverbeer.com

CARNIVALE KING CAKE ALE at Flying Heart Brewing & Pub
700 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City
Flying Heart Brewing & Pub is a beautiful craft brewery and restaurant located in the heart of Bossier City’s new East Bank District and Plaza. Each Mardi Gras, they partner with a top local bakery – The Wooden Spoon – to produce a limited edition beer designed to pair with the official dessert of Carnival season: king cake!
318-584-7039 www.flyingheartbrewing.com

HURRICANE at Ralph & Kacoo’s Bossier City
1700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City
Looking for an enormous, Bourbon Street-style cocktail in a keepsake glass? Look no further than the Laughing Gator Bar at Ralph & Kacoo’s Bossier City, where just one of these legendary rum cocktails may be enough to have you taking photos with the bar’s enormous stuffed alligator, Jumbeaux.
318-747-6660 www.ralphandkacoos.com

SAZERAC at Fatty Arbuckles Pub
450 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport
Fatty Arbuckles Pub, tucked away in downtown Shreveport’s Red River District, can mix a perfect Sazerac with any of their more than 200 different whiskies. The bar is located just a few steps from the routes of the Krewe of Harambee, Krewe of Centaur and Krewe of Gemini Parades.
318-459-1448 www.facebook.com/fattyarbucklespub

SIDECAR at Superior’s Steakhouse
855 Pierremont Rd., Ste. 120, Shreveport
Invented in the 1830s at New Orleans’ St. Louis Hotel, this classic Cognac cocktail is the perfect way to warm up on parade day. Superior’s Steakhouse is home to an elegant, smoke-free bar with old school atmosphere and service.
318-219-4123 www.superiorssteakhouse.com
Please celebrate responsibly and obey open-container laws.

DAIQUIRI SHOPS

DAIQUIRI EXPRESS
1205 Shreveport Barksdale Hwy., Shreveport
318-869-2220 www.daiquiriexpressshreveport.com

FROZEN PIROGUE
515 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City
318-459-7762 www.frozenpirogue.com

LOUISIANA DAIQUIRI CAFÉ
1881 Texas Ave., Shreveport 318-848-7002

TONY’S BEVERAGES
6241 Line Ave., Shreveport
318-861-1127 www.facebook.com/tonysbeverages

DRIVE-THROUGH DAIQUIRIS

ALKY THERAPY
4312 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport
318-632-5800 www.alkytherapy.com

CAJUN DAIQUIRIS DRIVE-THROUGH
3306 Youree Dr., Shreveport
318-868-9620 www.facebook.com/cajundaiquiris

CAJUN LIQUOR
246 E. 70th St. 318-868-4660

THE JUMP OFF
3701 Greenwood Rd., Ste. 300, Shreveport
318-606-4262 www.facebook.com/thejumpoffliquor

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
Krewe of Sobek
PARADE ROUTE
Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.

**PARADE ROUTE**

- Begins at the Fair Grounds Field parking lot along Grosjean Street
- Left turn on Greenwood Road
- Right turn on Mertis Street
- Right turn on Lakeshore Drive
- Right turn on Missouri Avenue back towards the Fair Grounds Field

**LEGEND**

1 Louisiana State Exhibit Museum

[Map of Shreveport with parade route]

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
Krewe of Harambee
PARADE ROUTE
Jan. 20 at 1 p.m.

SHREVEPORT

LEGEND

1 Shreveport Municipal Auditorium

START

END

- Begins at Shreveport Municipal Auditorium on Elvis Presley Avenue
- Continues straight on Milam Street
- Left turn on Edwards Street
- Left turn on Texas Street
- Left turn on Common Street
- Ends at Common Street and Milam Street

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
Krewes of Centaur & Gemini

PARADE ROUTE
Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m.; Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.

• Begins at the corner of Lake Street and Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport
• Continues down Clyde Fant Parkway towards Shreveport-Barksdale Highway
• Left turn on East Kings Highway
• Ends at the corner of East Kings Highway at East Preston Street

www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
**Krewe of Highland**

**PARADE ROUTE**

Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

- Begins at the corner of Gilbert Drive at Gregg Avenue
- Continues straight on Gilbert Drive
- Left turn on Gladstone Boulevard
- Right turn on Creswell Avenue
- Right turn on Herndon Street
- Right Turn on Centenary Boulevard
- Right Turn on Gladstone Boulevard

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**Centenary College of Louisiana**

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**LEGEND**

1 Centenary College of Louisiana

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www.ShreveportMardiGras.com
It's Mardi Gras season! Tubbs Hardware, Cajun Gifts and King Cakes in Bossier City is stocked floor-to-ceiling with Mardi Gras souvenirs like jumbo Mardi Gras beads, decorative face masks, t-shirts, culinary products, cook books, fleur-de-lis accessories, and more! Tubbs was voted Best King Cake by Shreveport Times. Upwards of 10,000 moist, delicious, cream cheese-filled king cakes are shipped nationwide. Flavors include Traditional Cinnamon, X-Treme Cream Cheese, Blueberry Cream Cheese, and Strawberry Cream Cheese.

Stop by Tubbs for your favorite Mardi Gras souvenirs and king cakes. Tubbs is located at 615 Benton Rd. in Bossier City. For more information visit www.tubbshardware.net or call 318-746-0311.
Plan Your Trip Today!