



Dear Carnival Friend:

Caribbean Carnival International (CCI), would like to welcome you to TALLAFESTA event to be held in Tallahassee, Florida, September 14th-15th. We will be delighted to have you participate in our festival - featuring Carnival Village, Caribbean Nite Dance, J'ouvert, Kids Carnival, the **Carnival Parade** and other cultural entertainment.

Since 1993, the Carnival has attracted approximately 200,000 people, with the Carnival Parade accounting for much of these spectators. We encourage groups as well as individuals from the area (as well as out of town) to participate in this growing event. Groups from Canada, the Caribbean and several cities across the United States join us in celebrating this unique occasion.

To assist us in the smooth operation of this event, we have provided you with the registration/application forms, rules, regulations, categories and positions necessary for your participation. Please read these carefully and feel free to request any clarification of these items at any time.

Thanking you in advance for your participation and in your efforts to make CCI's TALLAFESTA, a great success.

Sincerely,

Maria Henry,
President
Caribbean Carnival International

Caribbean Carnival Tallahassee™
TALLAFESTA Parade

Date: Saturday, September 15th, 2007

Time: 9am- 12pm

Start Location:

Downtown Tallahassee. The route will be from Madison St. (By the Civic Center) to Duvall St. and will end on College Ave. Setup location will be at the civic center parking lot. *Start location and route are subject to change.*

Registration:

If you plan to participate, please fill out the application (along with the registration fee) and mail it back to us at the address below. Please do not fax your application. We cannot accept e-mail applications, unless there is a valid scanned signature. In any instance, you will be required to mail or show us the ORIGINAL application before you are entered into the Parade. Applications will be taken up until **August 15, 2007**.

Applications may be dropped off/picked up at: 1307 Miccosukee Rd., Suite B
Tallahassee, Florida

or mail to:

Parade Committee, Caribbean Carnival '07
P.O. Box 14871
Tallahassee, Florida 32317-4871

Contacts:

Maria Henry: Parade coordinator (850) 445-2556
(850)-878-5148 or email: caribcarnival777@hotmail.com.
Fax: (850)-942-9844

Categories:

Participants may enter as floats, troupes, performing bands, marching bands, individuals or other Parade groups.

Parade Note:

The Caribbean Carnival Parade is one of the highlights of CCI's TALLAFESTA. Parade participants will be allowed to march on stage at the Carnival Village immediately after the Parade.

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Parade Application
APPLICATION

NAME OF GROUP/INDIVIDUAL: _____

NAME OF SPONSORING GROUP: _____

Average age of Participants: _____ Leader/Manager: _____

Indicate Type of Entry: ___ Float ___ Troupe/group ___ Performing band
 ___ Marching band ___ Individual(s) ___ Other

Theme being Portrayed: _____

Description of Entry: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

PHONE(S): (____) - ____ - ____ (____) - ____ - ____

E-MAIL: _____

Contact Person: _____ # of Participants: _____

Signing of this application is my confirmation for participating in the TALLAFESTA Parade. Cancellation of application must be done at least seven (7) days before the event. There is a minimal fee for participation in the Parade even if you are not competing. The understanding grants permission to CCI TALLAFESTA and/or agents authorized by them, to use any photograph, videotapes, motion picture or any other record of this event for any purpose.

WAIVER: I know that participating in the TALLAFESTA Parade is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly prepared. I assume any and all risks associated with this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, and the condition of the road, all such risk being known and appreciated by me. I agree to abide by all decision of the Parade officials relative to my ability to safely complete this Parade. I hereby release and hold harmless Caribbean Carnival International (CCI), its officers, volunteers, agents, employees or anyone officially acting on their behalf of any and all claims or ability for death, personal injury or property damage due to participation in the event(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18): _____

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

To be eligible for the parade competition each carnival band/group must:

1. Be dressed in Caribbean Carnival-themed costumes/masquerades.
2. Submit a non-refundable registration fee of One Hundred dollars (\$100) in cash or money order to be paid to CCI no later than **August 15th, 2007**.
3. Bear a banner with group name and number. Having your own DJ or other live music is optional. Parade group numbers will be assigned on the day of the event, once applications have been received.
4. Have a minimum of 10 masquerades or costumed entries to constitute a band/group.
5. A synopsis of the portrayal should be made available to CCI upon registration.
6. Be properly assembled at the starting point on **Saturday, September 15th, 2007**. Bands not properly assembled at the starting time will be relocated and will automatically lose ten (10) points from the total score. Any band not properly assembled when the last band in the parade leaves, will not be considered part of and will not be allowed in the parade competition. PLEASE CALL FOR EXACT STARTING TIME.

POSITIONS

1. Band/group leaders will be assigned group numbers, which will indicate their position in the Parade. The respective number assigned will be used to identify the band/group in the parade and the vehicles attached to the respective band/group.
2. The parade officials will conduct the placing of the bands/groups (entries) in the Parade. All entries will be numbered, the numbers will be visibly placed on the vehicles and/or banners used by the bands/groups.
3. Any band/group not displaying the official number approved by the committee may be removed at the discretion or request of the officials or the police. All drivers must have appropriate license(s) to operate any vehicles participating in the parade, especially commercial vehicles.
4. In order to remain eligible in the competition, all registered costumed bands/groups must complete the entire parade route.
5. Band/group leaders should cooperate with the parade officials to ensure the unimpeded process of the parade. Failure to do so may result in the loss of points.
6. Spectators and followers of bands/groups are not allowed on the "stage" during the bands' presentation, and must remain clear of the respective bands/groups at all times.
7. All persons acting in the capacity of marshals or officials must wear the prescribed identification during the parade at all times.
8. The selling and drinking of alcohol by masqueraders/costumers and officials of the bands/groups on the streets is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the parade and possible charges by police officials.
9. All portable equipment must be properly secured on all vehicles. Failure to adhere will result with the vehicle being removed from the parade.