

**2024 AFRICAN CARNIVAL USA.**  
“Celebrating Cultural, Fashion & Music”

**COUNTRIES’ REGISTRATION  
PARADE OF BANDS.**

Rules, Regulations, & Applications.

**Saturday May 11, 2024.  
Morris Brown College  
Atlanta , Georgia**



# African Carnival

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Dear Prospective Participant:

On behalf of African Carnival USA, we would like to invite you to participate to the African Carnival 2024. This is a celebration of our cultural and ethnic heritage. We ask that each group come ready to showcase your countries heritage, dances, clothing, and music as the children of African descent march in the Parade of Bands.

To participate we ask that each group representing their country contributes \$400.

For \$400 African carnival will provide you with

- Complimentary 30 wrist bands for participants in the parade of bands competition. Additional wristbands can be purchase for \$10 each.

To reserve exclusive rights as a Country Representative, please make a deposit of \$200 by October 30th, 2023. Payment can be made in the form of money order, cashier’s check. All other forms of payment should be mailed to: African Carnival, P O BOX 1316, Fayetteville GA 30214.

The enclosed information describes in detail the guidelines, rules and regulations governing the African Carnival Parade of Bands and competitions. Please thoroughly read this information and complete the registration application.

### **Eligibility for the Band of the Year Competition**

To be eligible for the Band of the Year Competition and to participate in the Parade of Bands, each country or group must:

- Be officially registered by fully completing the enclosed registration form and submitting the total registration fee no later than February 28th, 2024. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed each month payment is delayed.
- **All payments must be submitted by PayPal, Zelle, Money Order or Cashier’s Check made payable to African Carnival.**



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- Themes must portray the spirit of the African Carnival.
- Be accompanied by a live music band or DJ.
- Have a minimum of twenty (30) costumed masqueraders.
- Start assembling at the starting point on **Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by 10:00am**
- All bands must have their music and support vehicles at the parade route no later than 1:00 p.m.
- All bands must have identifiable Band Marshal(s) in front holding the country or group flag or identification to ensure an orderly process along the parade route.

## Judging and Scoring

1. The judges shall decide on maximum number of points (100) to be awarded to the Band competition using the following criteria:

Pre-judging	10 points
Theme	10 points
Visual Impact	20 points
Creativity/band participation	20 points
Craftsmanship	20 points
Stage Presentation	20 points

- **Pre-judging is vital to us having a timely commencement of the parade.** Pre-judging will commence at 1:00 p.m. Bands not properly assembled by 2:00 p.m. will be relocated



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and will have MINIMUM of 20 points deducted. Any band not properly assembled at 1:00pm will not be allowed in the parade.

2. Judging for Carnival will be done by panel of judges selected by committee members of the African Village. In the event that there are two bands having the same total score, creating a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, there will be live performance between the two bands. There after the winner will be announced. The first prize will be awarded \$500, and the second prize will be awarded \$250. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding.
3. Judging for the 2024 African Carnival competitions will take place at the following locations:
  - Atlanta Student Movement Blvd– Starting point
  - Along the Parade Route
  - Morris Brown College Campus– Ending Point

\*\*\*\*Please note-----Bands will be required to turn off the music once the final stage performances begin at end of route.

## Prize Distribution

1. Prizes will be awarded using the following guidelines:

Band of the Year	\$ 500 plus Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 250 plus Trophy

2. All prize checks will be made payable to the registered country bandleader.
3. Prize checks will be distributed at the end of the festival unless otherwise notified by the African Carnival group.

## Parade Route



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1. In order to be eligible for prizes and incentives, all registered bands must complete the entire parade route.
2. Bandleaders and Marshals must ensure that non-costumed persons do not enter the parade unless they are clearly identified as officials assisting in the overall conduct of the parade.
3. Bandleaders must notify the African Carnival officials of the number of wristbands needed for registered bands by April 15<sup>h</sup>, 2024
4. Only persons wearing an official 2024 African Carnival Parade of Bands wristband will be allowed through the participant entrance route

### Bands on the road

1. Each band will draw for a position in the parade.
2. The numbers drawn will be used to identify the band in the parade along with their accompanying trailer, music truck, and support vehicle.
3. Each band will be allowed one music truck or trailer and one support vehicle.
4. Official number placards will be distributed to all groups.
5. The number drawn must be visible in the front window of all vehicles and attached to the groups banner.
6. Any vehicles seen in the parade that are not registered or are not displaying their official number approved by the African Carnival officials will be removed by the “City of Atlanta Police” at the request of African Carnival officials.

### **Crowd Control**

1. Bandleaders and band Marshals will ensure that no one is solicited on the day of the Carnival to join the parade.
2. Bandleaders and Band Marshals will cooperate with the African Carnival officials, security, City of College Park Police, and any other designated official to ensure a successful parade.
3. Spectators cannot be allowed to join with the Bands along the parade route. Non-costumed individuals seen among the bands at judging points, other than Marshals and Officials, will cause a Band to lose points. These individuals may obstruct the view the judges and could affect proper adjudication.



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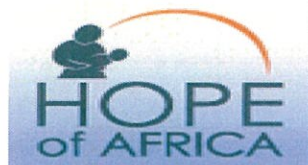
### Guidelines on Submitting A Protest on Results

In the event of a dispute of any kind please follow this process:

1. Complaints or protests should be submitted in writing within 72 hours of results being officially announced.
2. Complaints or protests should be addressed to the following:  
**African Carnival**  
**P. O. Box 1316**  
**Fayetteville, GA 30214**  
**Email: [africancarnivalusa@gmail.com](mailto:africancarnivalusa@gmail.com)**
3. African Carnival officials will meet within 10 days to discuss the protest and review the tabulations.
4. All African Carnival executive members and judges are required to be present at the meeting to discuss the protest and review the results.
5. Final decision on the issue will be communicated to all African Carnival Bandleaders and Participants within 21 days.
6. Complaints and Protest actions will not interrupt African Carnival post-Carnival activities and evaluations.
7. No prize monies will be distributed until all protest actions are resolved.

Max Points	10	10	20	20	20	20	100
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	Pre - Judge	Theme	Visual Impact	Band Participation /Creativity	Craftsmanship	Presentation	Total
Band Number							
Band Name							



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### Float and Music Truck Construction

#### A. General Regulations

The rules and regulations that follow will serve as a guideline to assist you in your Participation in the 2024 African Carnival Parade of the Bands.

#### B. Design

Floats and Music trucks will be accepted on the basis of:

- Cultural theme by the country of representation
- Originality
- Quality of construction
- Classification for awards
- Creativity in the design

#### C. Sponsor’s Name and Band Theme

- The float or music truck shall bear the name of the community, organization or sponsor on the side aprons.
- All signs must be high quality and legible.
- Commercial symbols or logos are permitted to the extent that the creativity of design dominates over the promotional aspects of the symbols or logos used.
- All band themes must be submitted on the application form.

#### D. Dimensions

- Floats and music trucks must not exceed 20 feet in width.
- Floats must not be taller than 13 feet high



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- Floats with parts that are taller than the 13 ft height requirement must be able to be lowered in a quick and efficient manner.
- Maximum float length is 55 ft.

### E. Decorations

- The African Carnival requires that all floats be covered with materials that will hold up under adverse weather conditions. These materials may include:
  - Natural growth, flowers, plants, grass, and moss
  - Vinyl floral sheeting
  - name paint
  - Webbing or rubberized materials

### F. Symmetry

- Floats and music trucks shall be constructed and decorated so that viewing from either side are equally appealing to the eye.

### G. Lettering

- Letters on the floats should not exceed 18 inches in height.
- Logo work should be uniform with lettering.

### H. Riders

- Builders or float sponsors are responsible for obtaining written consent or release from every rider on their float.
- A maximum of seven (7) people, exceeding the vehicle driver, are allowed on the float or music truck except for steel bands.
- All riders, including the driver must have a safety belt or safety railing incorporated into the float and or music truck.

### I. Distribution of Materials

- Samples or other materials of any kind may not be thrown or otherwise distributed from the float, music truck, or other vehicles on the parade route.



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### J. Towing and Trash Liability

- If the breakdown of your float or music truck prevents the forward movements of the parade, the vehicle will be removed from the parade route at the nearest intersection at the Bands expense.
- African Carnival will not pay any liability for the cost of towing units after breakdown. All incurred costs will be paid directly by the float builder, vehicle owner, sponsor, or band responsible for the group.
- Any liability for the cost of removing costumes and or float items left on the streets along the parade route will not be paid by the African Carnival. These costs will be billed directly to the float builder, vehicle owner, sponsor, or band responsible for the group.

### K. Vehicle Safety

- In order to ensure the safety of participants and spectators, floats and music trucks are required to have plywood/wood covering over the wheel wells.
- Band Marshals should be positioned at the all wheels wells when trucks/floats are in the festival village.

## BAND REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all information requested  
If some information is not applicable please indicate by entering ‘N/A’

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Band \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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### BAND INFORMATION

Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$400 for country participation with 30 wrists band (up to 30 people, additional \$10 per person.)**

Date paid \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

Band Theme/Portrayal \_\_\_\_\_

Sections 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Music on the Road provided by \_\_\_\_\_

Description of theme \_\_\_\_\_

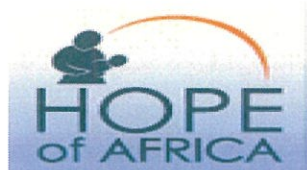
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Description of costumes by sections \_\_\_\_\_

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## FLOAT/MUSIC TRUCK REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all information requested.

If any information is not applicable please indicate by entering N/A.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Band \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Band Theme/Portrayal:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Music on the Road: DJ \_\_\_\_\_

Musicians: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief description of your 2024 float design and construction:  
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