

Courir de Mardi Gras

“Ole Fashion Chicken Run”



The family-friendly fun begins Friday, Feb. 28, 2025 at 5 pm with the Courir de Mardi Gras Run. The public is invited to join in the chase or just come see one of the oldest traditions of Mardi Gras the “Old fashion Chicken Run”. No registration required, just show up and join in the fun.

The *Courir de Mardi Gras* is closely tied to the history of the rural farming life of the region. The run itself was a form of folk celebration, often accompanied by dancing, music and joyful revelry.

The event also serves as an important social bonding activity. The groups of runners, called *Mardi Gras* or *runners*, would often start at dawn and travel from house to house, with participants helping one another gather ingredients for the big feast. It was both a festive and community-driven event, designed to celebrate local culture and strengthen ties between neighbors. Over time, more modern celebrations evolved according to where they were held and each event developed their own version of the “*Courir de Mardi Gras*” celebration.

Cajun music, fun and colorful costumed participants will chase the chicken, and here in Southeast Texas we just catch and release and get our gumbo from the vendors at Mardi Gras Southeast Texas. Vendors will also be serving a variety of Cajun food at the festival. In summary, the *Courir de Mardi Gras* is a cultural celebration that combines elements of French traditions with the unique customs of the Cajun people, emphasizing community, festivity, and the spirit of Mardi Gras before the season of Lent. It remains an important part of the Mardi Gras cultural here in Southeast Texas today.

All attention is on the chicken, it's a thrill to watch costumed revelers of all ages chase after the friendly bird. Each Courir de Mardi Gras is special in its own way, so get ready, enjoy the chase

*Chase the chicken it just part of the
Mardi Gras tradition!!!*



No animals are hurt in the processes of catching the chicken.. They are pets and belong to Mardi Gras participants.