

INFO PACK

1. The Basics

Aim of the March

Pride March 2009 is a celebration of the pride, courage, solidarity and diversity in our GLBTIQ communities. Everyone is welcome to participate. Individuals do not need to register, but we ask that groups register so that we can plan the order of the march. Registration is free.

When and Where

Pride March 2009 will be held on Saturday 14th November, starting at 6:30pm. Assembly is from 5:30pm.

The assembly area will be Rundle Park, with the march proceeding down North Tce to Kintore Ave and into Victoria Drive, finishing up at Adelaide University, which is the venue for Feast's opening night party.

Who Can March?

Any individuals or groups may participate in the march to express their support for our communities. Individuals do not need to register.

Group Entries

Group entries should fit into one of the following categories:

[1] GLBTIQ groups of individuals, friends and/or family.

[2] GLBTIQ community organisations.

[3] Non-commercial organisations with a history of support for the GLBTIQ communities and wishing to express that support by participating in the march. Entries must be designed to express that support.

[4] Commercial entries, which are either GLBTIQ owned or operated, or which have demonstrated commitment and support for GLBTIQ communities.

All group entries are required to register, using the form provided. This will enable us to schedule you in the march, and allocate you with a number so that members of your group can find each other easily in the assembly area at Rundle Park. Registration is free. Please fill out the form and post it back now. We will then send you information about your location in the assembly area.

2. Getting Started

Deciding the size and style for your entry is the first step. We've put together these notes to give you an idea of the different options you might consider and the range of effects you can create. You can be flamboyant, colourful, funny, satirical, political, loud and proud, - well, it's up to you. It's your event.

We encourage everyone to wear the colours of the rainbow. Once we have planned the order of entries in the march, we will let you know what colour we would like you to wear. Just imagine a giant live queer rainbow moving along the streets of Adelaide.

Small Walking Groups

To be in the march with a group of friends and/or family members is one of the most spontaneous ways you can participate. For example – a social group, a work group, an activity group. Having a theme, a costume or a style will make you stand out.

Larger Walking Groups

Larger walking groups will be those which form around a shared purpose or interest, such as GLBTIQ organisations, or similar organisations from the wider community which are supportive of the GLBTIQ communities. This purpose or interest can be strongly stated at the head of the group and visually repeated throughout. Having something to do such as carrying a sign, placard, balloon, flag, prop, wearing a t-shirt or even following a banner can reinforce this sense of unity.

Large groups shouldn't rely on their size alone for impact. As with smaller walking groups, a visually strong theme will establish your identity and message.

Marching or Dancing Groups

Groups requiring music will be allowed to have a motor vehicle carrying the appropriate equipment as part of their entry. Conditions apply. If your group requires this facility, please indicate this on the registration form, and contact Margie Fischer on 8388 5572 to discuss your requirements.

Marshals

We are currently recruiting marshals. If you are interested, give us your name and contact details. Phone Margie 8388 5572 or email margiefischer@ozemail.com.au.

Mobility Issues?

Transport can be arranged to enable people with mobility issues to participate in Pride March 2008. If you require transport, phone Margie 8388 5572 or email margiefischer@ozemail.com.au.

3. Serious Stuff

Safety is of absolute importance on the march. There are also laws and regulations applicable to the use of streets and public areas. The following guidelines will protect everyone's safety, ensure we meet the requirements of the law and authorities and ultimately have a safe and joyous time.

Prohibited Articles and Substances

The following are prohibited within the march assembly area and on the march route:

Fire

Fire, open flames, fireworks, flares, fire batons, fire breathing, sparklers, flammable goods and goods prohibited by law.

Animals

Dogs on leads allowed!

Projectiles

Nothing is to be thrown at people watching the march. Materials such as condoms, leaflets, etc may be HANDED to people.

Loose Glitter

Dangerous when thrown, lethal when washed into our waterways.

Racism, Sexism and Homophobia

Banned: racist, sexist or homophobic messages or materials, on banners, signs, placards, clothing, leaflets, balloons, etc.

Full Frontal Nudity

You don't want to be arrested!

Motorised Transport

Except for the motorcycle contingent, and authorised vehicles carrying sound equipment for registered group entries and people with mobility issues, all other forms of motorised transport are prohibited.

Sale of Merchandise

No selling of merchandise prior to the march or on route. By arrangement with the Feast office, merchandise may be sold at the end of the march at the Feast opening night party.

Laws and Authorities

Entrants must comply with the law, including traffic laws and directions of law enforcement officers.

Directives of Officials and Authorities

You may be asked to speed up pace, slow down, stop or pull over due to an emergency situation, safety reasons or to close gaps in the march. Directives from march officials and authorities must be observed at all times.