



2017 BIG BOLOGNA PARADE · July 29, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Greetings from Yale, Michigan! It's time to start getting ready for the 2017 Big Bologna Parade!

Come to Yale, meet and greet friends, and have a "Full of Bologna" weekend!

This year's parade will take place on **July 29th, 2017**. The official start time is **6:30 PM**

Space numbers will be given out as the staging area is entered. The application deadline is July 9th.

*When filling out the application, please make sure your **entry length** is accurate. This is not the length you need during the actual parade, but rather it is the length needed in the staging area. As an example, if you have a float that is 25 feet long being pulled by a tractor, we will need the OVERALL length of your entry – that is, 25 feet PLUS the length of the tractor and towing rig. On the other hand, if you are a dance group that takes up 100 feet during the parade, then the official staging length will be significantly lower. Your entry length should primarily be the length of vehicles or floats that will be parked in the staging area. For commercial entries, no more than 2 vehicles per business may be entered in the parade.*

Staging information is detailed in the enclosed STAGING INFORMATION, GUIDELINES, AND RULES sheet. This guide should be distributed to all participants in your group. If you wish to purchase a banner to be carried, you must supply two individuals to actually carry the banner.

Our insurance coverage does not allow for us to transfer parade participants in our golf carts. There is sufficient parking on the school campus for all participants.

2017 Entry Fee Schedule (Make checks payable to: YALE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)

\$75.00	→	Commercial Entry
\$100.00	→	Political Entry (\$100.00 per politician)
Free	→	Commercial Entry (if member of Yale Area Chamber of Commerce)
Free	→	Non-profit groups (that are not promoting a for-profit business)

We welcome your suggestions. Feel free to contact us at (000 000 0000) or email us at bolognaparade@gmail.com. Additional forms can be obtained on our website: www.yalechamber.com

Please mail signed registration forms to:

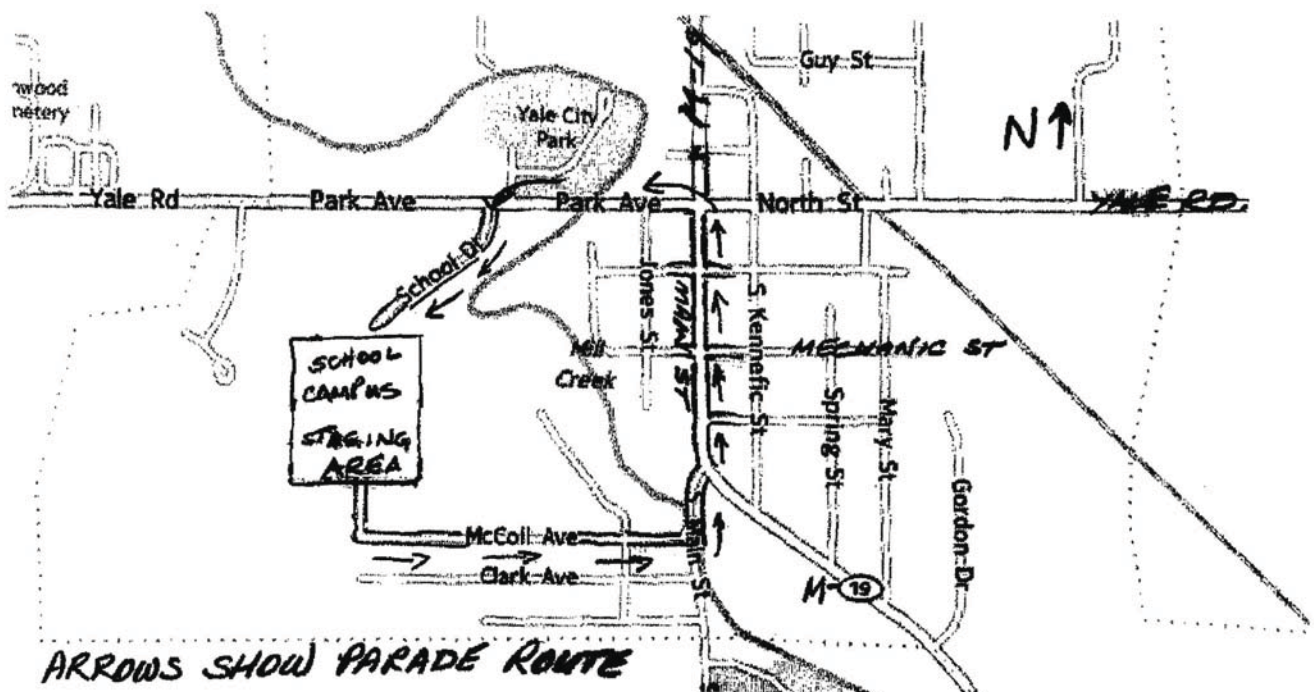
**Scott Behnan
Bologna Parade Coordinator
210 S. Main Street
Yale, MI 48097**

You may also scan and email your form to: bolognaparade@gmail.com

2017 Big Bologna Parade Staging Information, Guidelines, and Rules

July 29, 2017 – Staging area opens at 3:00 PM – Parade Steps off at 6:15 PM – Parade Route = 1.5 miles

1. The parade stages on the Yale Public Schools Campus, west of the stoplight in town, located at 198 School Drive, Yale, MI. The parade begins and ends at the same place. After 4:00 PM, the staging area fills up with people, floats, and vehicles.
2. Space assignments are given out as you enter the school campus via School Drive. Please do not enter the school campus from McColl Avenue.
3. Our insurance coverage does not allow us to transport anyone other than parade staff in our golf carts. There is enough parking on the school campus for all participants.
4. The staging area is in the large parking lot adjacent to the High School. Entry unloading and participant parking is at the Junior High. Available parking for vehicles not in the parade is limited, so carpooling is greatly appreciated.
5. To accommodate entries that need to be assembled or decorated on the staging area, we will allow vehicles that are not directly participating in the parade to enter the staging area until 4:30 PM for the purpose of dropping off equipment or supplies. These vehicles should not remain in the staging area for longer than 15 minutes and must be moved out of the staging area before 5:00 PM.
6. If you bring your entry to the school campus earlier than 3:00 PM Saturday, please leave it in the Jr. High parking lot or near the bus barn off the paved parking areas until your space is assigned. After 3:00 PM, as long as your entry is in your assigned space, you may leave it unattended. Your driver and all participants must be back in the staging area before 5:45 PM. If you are considering leaving early and enjoying the festival, the center of the festival is in the area of S. Main St. and Mechanic St. The full schedule of events will be posted on our website, www.yalechamber.com, one month before the festival.
7. If your entry includes animals, you must clean up after them both in the staging area and during the parade.
8. The Yale Public School Property is a smoke-free and alcohol-free zone. Absolutely no alcohol is allowed on school grounds and parade participants may not consume alcohol while in the vehicle.
9. In recent years, we have had complaints from the Police about vehicles from the parade or staging area attempting to leave the staging area down School Drive before the parade is over. This creates a dangerous situation and will not be permitted. All vehicles in the parade or those parked on school grounds must remain on the staging area until the end of the parade. At that time, you may follow the end of the parade down McColl St. to exit. You may, of course, exit the staging area via School Drive after the parade is over.
10. **WHILE YOU ARE ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS, IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT A STAFF MEMBER AND WE WILL CALL THE POLICE OR AN AMBULANCE.**
11. **NOTHING, INCLUDING CANDY, MAY BE THROWN FROM ENTRIES!** You may walk alongside the crowd and pass out candy.





YALE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BIG BOLOGNA PARADE: JULY 29th, 2017

ORGANIZATION/ENTRANT: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State or Prov. _____ Zip: _____

Fax #: _____ Email: _____

CLASSIFICATION: (Please check one)

Commercial ____ Church ____ Non-profit ____ Political ____ Gov't ____ Private ____

Entry fee enclosed: \$ _____ (see letter for fee schedule)

ENTRY TYPE: (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Float w/ vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival or Pageant Royalty | <input type="checkbox"/> People on foot* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Car | <input type="checkbox"/> People in Car | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band* | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Cars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Vehicle _____ |

*Number of People: ____ Number of Animals: ____ Overall length of entry: _____

ALL ENTRIES WITH ANIMALS MUST PROVIDE POOPER-SCOOPER!

If you are not a marching band, will your entry have music? ____ Yes ____ No

Need a banner (with name) carried in parade? (for additional fee) ____ Yes ____ No

How would you like to be introduced in front of the main bandstand? _____

(Please attach additional sheet if necessary)

NO THROWING CANDY OR WATER BALLOONS!

THE PARADE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT UNSUITABLE OR UNSAFE ENTRIES FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE.

I/We agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Yale and the Yale Chamber of Commerce from any claim, demand, lawsuit, loss, cost of expense, or any damage which may be asserted, claimed, or recovered against or from the City of Yale and the Yale Chamber of Commerce by reason of any damage to property, personal injury or bodily injury, including death, sustained by any person whomsoever and which damage, injury, or death arises out of or is incident to or in any way connected with the performance of this contract, and regardless of which claim, demand, damage, loss, cost of expense is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the _____ or by third parties, or by the agents, servants, employees or factors of any of them. (Please write your organization name in the blank)

I/We will be present on Saturday, July 29th 2017 to line up between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:45 PM for the 6:15 PM parade step off. I/We understand that entries with animals MUST provide their own pooper-scooper. The parade will begin and end at the Yale High School Parking lot. Non-parade vehicles will have limited access into the staging area. The Yale Public School Property is a SMOKE FREE AND ALCOHOL FREE ZONE. Absolutely no alcohol is allowed on the school grounds and parade participants may not consume alcohol while in the parade.

I have read the Letter to Participants and agree to abide by the regulations of the parade.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____