



**YALE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BIG BOLOGNA PARADE  
JULY 25, 2009**

**Greetings from Yale, Michigan!**

We would like you to be a part of our Big Bologna Parade in 2009!

***I have enclosed a Parade Application with this letter. The deadline for entries is July 10, 2009.***

***Due to roadwork and bridge repair, M-19 will be closed between M-21 in Emmett and just south of the intersection of M-19 and M-136. Please see the Parade Guidelines for recommended routes into Yale.***

***I have included a copy of the Parade Guidelines which includes information about routes into Yale, staging information and rules of participation. Please copy this information and distribute it to participants from your entry so that everyone has the proper information. As you can see, I have left room at the bottom of it so that you can add your own personal notes to your group. I hope that by providing this, it will alleviate some of the confusion that occurs every year in the staging area.***

The Parade will again stage on the grounds of the Yale Public Schools. You must enter the staging area from School Drive off Park Avenue. The staging area will open at 3 PM. If you bring your entry to the staging area early, make sure that it is in the proper space and check in with a parade volunteer; you may then leave the staging area. Please make sure all parade participants are back on the staging area by 5:45 and **YOUR ENTRY IS READY TO GO NO LATER THAN 6 PM!** The parade steps off sharply at 6:15!

Entry unloading and participant parking will be at the Yale Junior High School. Please remember that available parking for vehicles not in the parade is limited, so carpooling is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or vehicles to transport people to and from parking areas other than those on the school grounds. Please plan accordingly.

***The reason that we need the approximate length of your entry is for the layout of the staging area. For example, if you have a float that is 25 feet long that is being pulled by a tractor, we would 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, although you might take up 100' during the parade, your staging space would be much less.***

**Fees: The fee for any commercial entry sponsored by a business that is NOT currently a Yale Area Chamber of Commerce member is \$75.00. The fee for Politicians, whether currently in office or seeking office, is \$100.00. Please make checks payable to the Yale Chamber of Commerce. If you are uncertain whether you must pay an entry fee, please feel free to call or email me.**

Thanks for helping us make this year's Big Bologna Parade a success! It's because of you that people look forward to this weekend all year! Come to Yale, meet and greet friends old and new and have a "Full of Bologna" Weekend!

If you have any questions, please call me at **810-387-3248** (Regional Realty) or email me at **bolognaparade@yahoo.com**. Additional registration forms can be obtained at Yale City Hall, Regional Realty (212 S. Main St., Yale) or on our website: **www.yalechamber.com**.

**Please mail signed registration forms to:**

**Pat Burden  
Bologna Parade Coordinator  
212 S. Main St.  
Yale, MI 48097**

## 2009 BIG BOLOGNA PARADE GUIDELINES & RULES

Please distribute this sheet to your participants. Thank you.

**IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION:** M-19, also known as Brockway or Emmett Rd., will be closed to through traffic from M-21 in Emmett to just south of the intersection of M-19 and M-136. MDOT's recommended detour is via Kilgore Rd. to M-136, however the following are my recommendations for coming into Yale during the weekend of the festival:

- ◆ *If you are coming from the Port Huron area, or east of Yale, please consider coming into town via Yale Rd.*
- ◆ *If you are coming from west/southwest of Yale, please consider coming into town via Capac Rd. to Yale Rd.*
- ◆ *If you are coming from south of Emmett, you will have to make a right (east) onto M-21, go 3.5 miles and make a left onto Kilgore Rd. Head north approx. 5 miles and then make a left onto M-136 which will eventually lead you back onto M-19 north of the closure.*

The parade staging area is the Yale Public Schools Campus located on School Drive, west of the stoplight in town. The staging area, which is adjacent to the High School, opens at 3 PM. During the staging of the parade, particularly after 4 PM, the staging area fills up with people, floats and vehicles very quickly. We need your cooperation to keep things running smoothly and keep everyone safe!

Please keep the following in mind:

1. Entry unloading and participant parking is at the Yale Junior High School. Available parking for vehicles not in the parade is limited, so carpooling is greatly appreciated. Last year prior to the parade, there was a tremendous traffic back up down School Drive, onto Park Avenue, all the way down M-19 south of the city limits. **AFTER 5 PM, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES FROM LEAVING THE SCHOOL CAMPUS SO THAT WE MAY OPEN TWO LANES FOR INCOMING TRAFFIC. IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF A PARTICIPANT, BAND MEMBER, DANCER, ETC., PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND.**
2. In past years, there have been floats that need to be assembled or decorated on the staging area. To accommodate these entrants, **we will allow vehicles that are not directly participating in the parade to be within the staging area until 4:30 PM.** This will be strictly enforced! After 4:30 PM, vehicles that are not directly participating in the parade will NOT be allowed to enter the staging area and those already in the staging area will be asked to move. Please keep this in mind when making your plans.
3. No vehicles may enter the staging area from McColl St. and no vehicles may exit the staging area via McColl St. after 4:30 PM.
4. Parade stepoff is at 6:15! If you leave your entry unattended, make sure it is in the correct spot and instruct all participants to be back on the staging area no later than 5:45. *The parade route begins once we have left the gate onto McColl Avenue and ends back at the top of School Drive. Every year the number of spectators along McColl and Park Avenues increases. These spectators are as important to our festival as those along Main St. Please keep this in mind when pacing your group.*

In recent years, we have had complaints from the Police Dept. concerning vehicles from the parade or staging area attempting to leave the staging area before the parade is over, driving back against the flow of the parade. This has created a dangerous situation and will not be permitted. Vehicles in the parade or parked on school grounds must remain on the staging area until the end of the parade has left the staging area. At that time, you may follow the end of the parade down McColl St. to exit.

5. Unfortunately, our insurance coverage does not allow us to transport anyone other than parade staff in our carts. If there is an emergency, please contact a staff member and we will call the Police or an Ambulance.
6. **NOTHING, INCLUDING CANDY, MAY BE THROWN FROM ENTRIES!** You may walk along side the crowd and pass out candy.
7. 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 parade.

If you are considering arriving early and enjoying the festival, most of the events take place in the area of S. Main St. and Mechanic St. The full schedule of events, will be posted on our website, [www.yalechamber.com](http://www.yalechamber.com).



**Yale Area Chamber of Commerce  
2009 BOLOGNA PARADE APPLICATION  
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009**

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 10, 2009**

**ORGANIZATION/ENTRANT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State or Prov.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSIFICATION: (Please check one)**  
 Commercial \_\_\_ Church \_\_\_ Non-profit \_\_\_ Political \_\_\_ Gov't \_\_\_ Private \_\_\_  
 Commercial entry fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (see letter for fee schedule)  
 Politician entry fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY TYPE: (Check all that apply)**

___ Float w/vehicle	___ Festival or Pageant Royalty
___ People on Foot*	___ Classic Car
___ People in Car	___ Horses
___ Marching Band*	___ Other Animals
___ Mini Cars	___ Other: _____
___ Other Vehicle: (please explain)	_____

**ALL ENTRIES WITH  
ANIMALS MUST PROVIDE  
POOPER-SCOOPER!**

\*Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. length of entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Length of entry is for staging purposes; please be as accurate as possible.)*

If you are not a marching band, will your entry have music? 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.**

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 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.

I/We will be present on Saturday, July 25, 2009 to line up between the hours of 3:00 and 5:45 PM for the 6:15 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 **NOT** be allowed into the staging area. We understand that **NO ALCOHOL** is permitted on school property.

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

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESSED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_