



YALE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

34TH YALE BOLOGNA FESTIVAL

JULY 26-28, 2024

2024 Big Bologna Festival Parade Staging Information, Guidelines and Rules
July 27, 2024 – Staging area open at 3:00 PM – Parade steps off at 5:30 PM
Parade Route = 1.5 miles

Please read and initial next to each line number.

- _____ 1. **ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF ANY OBJECT(S) FROM ENTRIES!**
You may walk alongside the crowd and pass out candy, toys, giveaways.
- _____ 2. **STAGING AND SETUP.** 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.
- _____ 3. 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.
- _____ 4. To accommodate entries that need to be assembled or decorated in 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.
- _____ 5. If you bring your entry to the school campus earlier than 3:00 PM Saturday, please leave it in the Junior 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 5:00 PM.
- _____ 6. **LEAVING STAGING AREA.** In previous 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 created a dangerous situation and will not be permitted. All vehicles in the parade or those parked on school grounds must remain in 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.
- _____ 7. **SPACE ASSIGNMENTS.** Are given out as you enter the school campus via School Drive. Please DO NOT ENTER the school from McColl Avenue.
- _____ 8. **LIVE ANIMALS.** You must clean up after them both in the staging area and during the parade.
- _____ 9. **THE YALE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY** is a smoke free and alcohol free zone. Absolutely no alcohol is allowed on school grounds and parade



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participants may not consume alcohol while in the vehicle or riding through the parade.

_____ 10. 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.

_____ 11. If you are considering staying 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

If you have any questions, please contact the Parade Director, Mazy Snay at 586-703-1146 or YaleBolognaFestival@gmail.com Thank you!

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; the Yale Area Chamber of Commerce; its members, coordinators, employees, volunteers and their kin, from any claim, demand, lawsuit, loss, cost of expense, or any damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against from the City of Yale and the Yale Area 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 or any of them. (Please write your organization name in the blank)

- ❖ I / WE will be present on Saturday, July 28, 2024 to line up between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM for the 5:30 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 Participants Application and agree to abide by the regulations of the parade.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Big Bologna Festival Parade Date: SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

- ❖ How would you like to be introduced in front of the main bandstand?
(Please attach additional sheet if necessary)

- ❖ Organization / Entrant : _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Fax #: _____
Email (required): _____

- ❖ Classification (Please circle ONE)

Float with vehicle
Festival or Pageant Royalty
People on foot*
Classic Car
People in Car
Horses
Marching Band
Other Animals
Mini Cars
Other
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 made to be carried in parade (additional cost)? Yes / No