



**YALE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BIG BOLOGNA PARADE
JULY 24, 2010**

Greetings from Yale, Michigan!

We would like you to be a part of our Big Bologna Parade in 2010! There are three pages in this website packet; please make sure you print out and read all three pages. All the information you need to participate in the parade is in this packet. You will NOT receive any further communication from the Parade Committee after you submit your application. Space numbers are assigned the week before the parade and are given out as you enter the staging area. The Application deadline is July 10th. Please make sure you enter your name or the name of your organization or group into the blank in the hold harmless agreement at the bottom of the page and that you have your signature witnessed.

*We ask for your **entry length** on the application – this is for the staging area and it is very important that it is as accurate as possible. 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.*

I have included a copy of the Staging Information. 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 space so that you can add your own personal notes to your group. I hope that by providing this, it will alleviate some of the last minute phone calls and confusion that occur every year in the staging area.

The Parade will again stage on the grounds of the Yale Public Schools. Position numbers are assigned as you enter the staging area via School Drive off Park Avenue. The staging area opens at 3 PM. If you bring your entry to the staging area early, once you check in with a parade volunteer and make sure your entry is in the proper space, you may 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!

NEW! Vehicles that are NOT in the parade will be permitted to enter the staging area until 4:30 PM. In past years, there have been floats that need to be assembled or decorated on the staging area. Vehicles should not remain in the staging area for longer than 15 minutes. Please be courteous and do not block aisles or other participants' spaces.

Entry unloading and participant parking will be at the Yale Junior High School. Parking for vehicles not in the parade is limited and carpooling is greatly appreciated. **Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or vehicles to transport people to the staging area from the parking areas. Although transportation may have been available in the past, it has not been provided by the Festival/Parade Committee and cannot be relied on to be present the day of the parade. Please plan accordingly.**

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 per Politician. 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 the Chamber of Commerce office at 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**

*Thanks &
see you at
the parade!
~Pat*



Yale Area Chamber of Commerce
2010 BOLOGNA PARADE APPLICATION
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 10, 2010

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: _____ Overall 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.

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 24, 2010 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: _____

(Website)

2010 BIG BOLOGNA PARADE STAGING INFORMATION

PARADE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010 - STAGING BEGINS AT 3 PM - PARADE STEPS OFF AT 6:15 PM

Please make copies of this sheet and distribute to all participants from your group. Thank you.

The Big Bologna Parade is staged at the Yale Public School Campus, 198 School Drive, west of the stoplight in Yale. The staging area is adjacent to the High School. Parking for vehicles not in the parade is at the Junior High. **THE STAGING AREA OPENS AT 3 PM.** After 4 PM, the staging area fills up with people, floats and vehicles very quickly. Your cooperation is necessary to keep things running smoothly and keep everyone safe!

The Parade route begins and ends at the school campus. The route is approximately 1 ½ miles long.

NEW! In past years, there have been floats that need to be assembled or decorated on the staging area. Support vehicles that are NOT in the parade will be permitted to enter the staging area **until 4:30 PM**. This is for the purpose of dropping handicapped participants or equipment off. Vehicles should not remain in the staging area for longer than 15 minutes. Please be courteous and do not block aisles or other participants' spaces.

Vehicles may not enter the staging area via McColl Ave. All vehicles must enter via School Drive.

Parade step-off is at 6:15! If you decide to come to the staging area early and leave any vehicle that will be in the parade unattended, make sure it is either in your assigned spot or outside of the staging area. All drivers of vehicles in the parade should be back at the staging area no later than 5:30 in case entries need to be moved prior to step off. All participants should be back at your assigned space area no later than 5:45. 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 approximately one month before the festival.

AFTER 5 PM, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT OR DELAY VEHICLES 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.

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. This has created a dangerous situation and will not be permitted. Vehicles in the parade or parked anywhere on school grounds or on the parade route must remain in place 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.

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. **Although carts may have been available in the past to transport people to and from the staging area, downtown or from parking areas, they were not provided by the Festival/Parade Committee and cannot be relied on to be present the day of the parade.** Please plan accordingly.

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.

NOTHING, INCLUDING CANDY, MAY BE THROWN FROM ENTRIES! You may walk along side the crowd and pass out candy.