

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

**8 AM to 9:45 AM - NTF Car Show Sign-in**  
Railroad Square, Downtown

**10 AM to 3 PM - National Trout Festival® Car Show**  
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Vote for the Top 10 People's Choice, Awards at 2:30  
*Sponsored by Forward Inking Design*

**9 AM - Open Fishing for Kids and Veterans**

Nation Family Property, 377 M66 SE  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

**10 AM - Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom**  
Reptile Display and Petting Zoo, Fairgrounds  
(Camel rides will be available.)

**10 AM to 2 PM - K.A.M.P.S. Fun Fly Air Show**  
Beebe Rd, RC Air vehicles, Free

**10 AM to 3 PM- Flea Market** open at Fairgrounds

**12 to 6 PM - Skerbeck Family Carnival**  
Fairgrounds

**1 PM - Pizza Eating Contest** at the Car Show  
Railroad Square, Downtown  
Open to all ages, must pre-register on NTF website  
*Sponsored by BC Pizza of Kalkaska & 4Front CU*

### FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Kalkaska Area Transit, in partnership with the NTF, will provide **free** shuttle service on a 15-minute loop, in an ongoing effort to decrease traffic and parking issues at the Fairgrounds. Pick-up and drop-off will be offered at the following locations from 2 to 6 pm on Friday & 12 to 6 pm on Saturday. (May run later if busy.)

These locations will have signage:

\*Village Mun. Parking Lot, 3rd St, south end

\*Kal. Middle School Dresden St Parking Lot

\*Fairgrounds Rd at the west side of the Kaliseum parking lot

\*Kal. High School (after 3 on Sat.)

\*Birch Street Elementary (after 3 on Sat.)

**PARKING- Watch for signs.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parking lots of the Governmental Center, DHS, etc are needed for staff and clients until 5 pm on Friday.

The Kaliseum has several events happening, so please, do not park there unless attending one of their events. **Use the FREE shuttle service for easy, convenient, no-hassle parking.**

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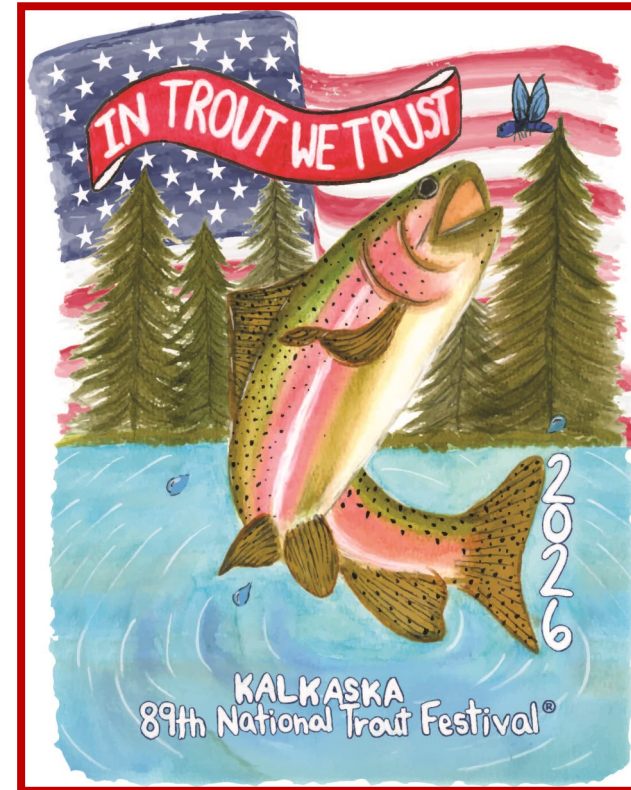
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## 2026

# SCHEDULE APRIL 22-26

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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

### 6 PM - Opening Ceremony

Downtown at Leo, the Trout Memorial Fountain, Crowning of the 2026 National Trout Festival® King and Queen, introduction of the 2026 Logo designer and Grand Royale Parade Grand Marshal with special guests, the KHS Jazz Band, and Color Guard from American Legion Post 480

### 7 PM - Taste of Trout

Pavilion at Railroad Square, Downtown  
Live Music with Levi Britton (*Sponsored by Trout Town Tavern and Eatery*), Raffles/Auctions, FREE to attend, Cash Bar  
Refreshments donated by *Moose & Stella's Café, Trout Town Tavern & Eatery, BC Pizza, Yankee Boy Restaurant, Twin Birch Restaurant & Golf, Holsum Brew Café & Bakery*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

**10 AM to 12 PM - Trout Brunch for Lunch** with Royalty, Kalkaska Senior Center (Lunch served from 12 to 12:30) Crowning of the Senior King & Queen and entertainment begins at 10 am

**12 to 7 PM - Flea Market** open at Fairgrounds

### 4 to 7 PM - McTeacher Night

McDonalds of Kalkaska  
KHS teachers taking orders and serving for donations and tips for the KHS Yearbook

**4 to 10 PM - Skerbeck Family Carnival**  
Fairgrounds

**6:30 PM - Empty Canvas** at Twin Birch Golf & Restaurant, celebrate the Trout Fest while catching all your favorite tunes by this acoustic duo

*Gratitude goes out to our hard working volunteers who give their time and energy to make this Festival a success each and every year. If you want to help in '27, contact us at [info@nationaltroutfestival.com](mailto:info@nationaltroutfestival.com)*



## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

### 10 AM - Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom

Reptile Display and Petting Zoo, Fairgrounds (Camel rides will be available.)  
*Sponsored, in part, by Dewey Insurance*

### 10 AM to 5 PM - NWMI Fishing Club Portable

**Trout Pond**, Kalkaska Twp Fire Dept  
This free fishing activity is an option for children 10 and under (older siblings welcome) as it's a slower pace than our kids' fishing contest.

**10 AM to 8 PM- Flea Market** open at Fairgrounds

**12 PM to close - Skerbeck Family Carnival**  
Fairgrounds

### 2 to 4 PM - Free Kids' Games~

Win prizes! Music! Balloons! Games! Activities!  
Senior Center Pavilion Lawn  
*Sponsored by Heritage Vineyard Church*  
(Move to Kalk Middle School if inclement weather.)

### 6 PM- Trout Friday Dodge Ball Tourney

Kalkaska High School Gym, \$2 entry  
Fundraiser for the Senior Parent Association

### 7 PM - Trout Friday Night Concert

featuring teen country sensation Tyler Gitchel  
Pavilion at Railroad Square, Downtown  
\$10 Tickets at the gate, open 6:30 pm, Cash Bar  
*Sponsored by Voice Motors and McLean's Hardware*

### 7 PM - Free Christian Music Concert

Kalkaska Church of Christ parking lot  
Welcome contemporary Christian folk singer William Toll (will move inside if inclement weather)

### DON'T MISS THIS! Saturday & Sunday

**We welcome the Michigan Fishing Museum & Cultural Center & Military History Academy with their Traveling Fishing Museum and Revolutionary War Encampment (in honor of the 250th birthday of the USA) Kaliseum south lawn, free to visit. Saturday 10a to 5p, Sunday 10a to 3p**



## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

### 9 AM to 5 PM - Kids' Fishing Contest

Nation Family Property, 377 M66 SE  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
Fly fishing demonstrations throughout the day by Adams Chapter Trout Unlimited. Catch a tagged fish, win a prize! Loaner poles available.  
*Sponsored by Coding Products, Dunn Construction, and Northland Area Federal Credit Union.*  
*Bait donated by DMF Bait.*

### 9 AM - Wood Memorial Trout Run

Kalkaska High School (Fun Run at 8:30 am)  
Brought to you by the KHS Cross Country and Track & Field programs

### 10 AM - Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom

Reptile Display and Petting Zoo, Fairgrounds (Camel rides will be available.)

### 10 AM to 2 PM - K.A.M.P.S. Fun Fly Air Show

Beebe Rd, RC Air vehicles, Free

### 10 AM to 5 PM - Lions Club Craft Show

Kaliseum Ice Arena  
Brought to you by the Elk Rapids Lions Club, serving Antrim & Kalkaska Counties

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### 11 AM - Princess & Me Dress Up Tea

Kalkaska Church of Christ, Lower Level  
Brought to you by the Miss Kalkaska Program; Lunch, Story Time, Craft, Photos Ops  
All guests require a ticket

### 11 AM to 1 PM - Grand Royale Parade Check-In

Birch Street Elementary  
-Must be registered and in line up by 1:00 PM to be judged  
-If not being judged, must be registered and in line up by 1:30 PM  
-Parade begins at 2 PM

### 11 AM - Timber Wolf Trout Fest Golf Outing

Timber Wolf Golf Club, a portion of registration fees is donated to the NTF

**12 PM to close - Skerbeck Family Carnival**  
Fairgrounds

**Schedule is subject to change.  
All events are weather permitting.**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25 CONT

### 2 PM - 89th Grand Royale Parade

Downtown, Evergreen St to Cedar St to Third St  
*Sponsored by Forest Area Federal Credit Union*  
**Immediately following the parade** - Scottville Clown Band (sponsored by CATT Development) will perform at the Pavilion at Railroad Square

### 2 to 6 PM - Annual Pig Roast

VFW Post 8684 Hall, 408 Hyde St  
Vets & active military plus kids 5 and under eat free, 6 to 11- \$8, 12 and older- \$15

### 5:00 to 11 PM - Troutzillafest XV Music Stage

Pavilion at Railroad Square, Downtown  
FREE to attend, Cash Bar  
*Sponsored, in part, by Green Pharm*

Brought to you by Obscurus Diem Productions

### 5 PM - Spring Fling Bump-n-Run & More

Arena at Fairgrounds, Gate opens at 4 pm  
Brought to you by Keiser Boys MotorSports  
Pits: \$20/12+, \$10/4-11, Free/3 & under  
GA: \$15/16 & older, \$10/6-15 Free/ 5 & under

### Dusk - Fireworks Display

Over the Fairgrounds  
*Sponsored by RL Morris & Sons*  
Brought to you by Pyrotechnico

### **The Trout House is the place for all your National Trout Festival® merch!**

*Located at the north side of the Kalkaska Historical Museum*

*Downtown Kalkaska*

*Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 am to 6 pm  
Saturday 11 am to 3:30 pm*

*Merchandise includes Festival t-shirts (both short and long sleeves), sweatshirts, hoodies, mugs, pins, magnets, water bottles, flying discs, shot glasses, hats, pencils, and more!  
NEW- fish pens & bobber key fobs*

*The Trout House will be relocated to the Fairgrounds on Thursday, 4/23, to the area between the carnival and flea market.*

**Pre-sale, discounted carnival wristband vouchers are available through April 22. Each purchase is valid for one day, of your choice, when turned in to the Skerbeck ticket booths.**