

# GRAND ROYALE PARADE REGISTRATION

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 2 pm

Downtown Kalkaska



**YOU MUST FILL THIS OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY**

READ THE OTHER SIDE BEFORE FILLING OUT

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY TYPE:**  Commercial  Municipality  Non-profit  Queen & Court  Private

Music/ Entertainment  Other (please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

What space is needed for your entry for the parade line-up? \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Antique  Commercial  Fire truck  Other

Marching Unit: Number of Walkers \_\_\_\_\_ Animals? Yes No

What would you like the announcer to say about your entry as it passes the stand downtown?  
Please include anything unique, descriptive, or unusual about your entry.

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In consideration of the acceptance of our entry in the 2026 National Trout Festival® Grand Royale Parade, we hereby release any and all businesses, organizations, and individuals affiliated with this parade from any and all liability and any and all injuries or damages arising from our participation in the parade. It is also understood that by submitting this form, we are agreeing to the guidelines and rules as stated on page two of this document.

Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return registrations by 4pm, April 22, 2026*

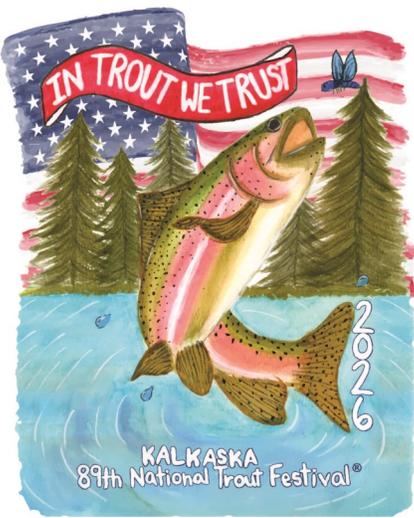
MAIL: Advanced Office Supply, PO Box 697, Kalkaska, 49646

EMAIL: [info@nationaltroutfestival.com](mailto:info@nationaltroutfestival.com)

ONLINE: <https://nationaltroutfestival.com/ntf-parades>

REMINDER FOR KALKASKA COUNTY NON-PROFITS

There is a \$500 cash award random drawing for any non-profit who registers and participates in the Grand Royal Parade. Don't miss out by not marking the non-profit category above. This will also include our fire departments and any other municipality department where fundraising is a regular or normal means of raising money to service residents of their municipality.



# NATIONAL TROUT FESTIVAL® GRAND ROYALE PARADE 2026 SATURDAY, APRIL 25 AT 2:00 P.M.

## READ THIS SIDE FIRST

*The Parade Director reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not follow these guidelines or is not in the best interest of the National Trout Festival® or the groups and individuals involved with the National Trout Festival or this parade.*

*Exception to any rule contained herein involves approval of the National Trout Festival Parade Director. Such approval must occur prior to parade start, unless otherwise noted. Violation of any rule contained herein may result in the immediate removal of a unit prior to or during the parade and render the unit ineligible to participate in future*

### GENERAL RULES and GUIDELINES

1. Registration forms are available online at <https://nationaltroutfestival.com/ntf-parades>. You may submit online, print and email to [info@nationaltroutfestival.com](mailto:info@nationaltroutfestival.com), or print and mail to Advanced Office Supply, PO Box 697, Kalkaska.
2. Registrations **MUST** be received no later than **4 pm on April 26, 2026**. There will be **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS** accepted. There is no fee to enter the parade.
3. Check-in will be from 11 am to 1 pm, April 25, at Birch Street Elementary School, 309 N. Birch St. There will be no late check-ins accepted and **ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS ON SATURDAY!** If you didn't register by April 22, you are not in the parade.
4. If you wish to be considered for a trophy/plaque, you must be in your space by 1 pm. Judges will not wait nor will they go back in the line. Those who do not want to be judged, be in line by 1:30 pm.

#### Categories to be judged:

- Best Use of Theme (In Trout We Trust)
- Grand Marshal's Choice
- School Spirit Award (ANY school group or club)
- Best Commercial Entry
- Best Non-Commercial Entry

5. The following guideline must be adhered to or you will be asked to leave the parade route: **Absolutely no tossing or throwing of candy/other items from a vehicle, float, or riders on animals. You are welcome to have someone walk along the route, close to the sidewalks, to gently toss/hand candy/other items to the parade spectators.** **Initial Here**

6. **It is strongly suggested that all entries** (floats, vehicles, walkers, etc.) should be decorated in some form or manner pertaining to fishing or specifically to this year's theme, In Trout We Trust. This would include the tow vehicle, please. We also would like some kind of skirting on the trailers.

7. Please include signage on both sides of your entry stating the company, group, queen, etc.

8. Any entry with recorded music must note this on the registration form and the volume must not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals.

9. If you include animals or pets in your marching unit, you will clean up after them. All animals must be controlled by means of a harness, halter, or leash, if not otherwise contained.

### VEHICLE, FLOAT, & MARCHING UNIT GUIDELINES

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1. All vehicles will be licensed and insured for road use in the state of Michigan.
2. Drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid driver's license.
3. All floats and motorized entrants must be able to maneuver the parade route without causing major disruptions.
4. All marching units are required to always maintain forward motion. **Initial Here**
5. Please keep the original space between units to the best of your ability.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines and helping us to keep both our participants and spectators as safe as possible. — NTF Directors

**Signature (Required)**