



Dear Bay-Rama Parade Friends,

The Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival Parade Committee would like to extend an invitation to participate in our 61st annual parade, Sunday, June 28, 2026. Parade begins for the public at 1:00 PM.

Below is the 3 page application to participate in the parade. Please read carefully, complete, and return your application and participation fee no later than May 22nd. Following application approval by the parade committee, you will receive the final details in early June. Organizations with incomplete or declined applications will be notified in a timely manner.

**Our theme this year is “Reelin’ in 61 years!”**



**Entry Fees:**

-**Commercial**, i.e. business or corporate participant entry fee is \$50.00.

-**Elected Official/Candidate** entry fee is \$300.00.

-**All Other Entries**, entry fee is \$20.00.

The non-refundable fee\*, made payable to Bay-Rama Inc., should be submitted with the entry application.

\*The fee will be returned if an application is not approved.

Your understanding regarding parade order is appreciated. We arrange participants to maximize the community’s enjoyment of the parade. Appropriate consideration is given for animal needs, entry size, music, and float presentation.

If you have **parade questions**, please contact Parade Chair, Marybeth Jamieson at (586) 419-0663 or [BayRamaParade@gmail.com](mailto:BayRamaParade@gmail.com)

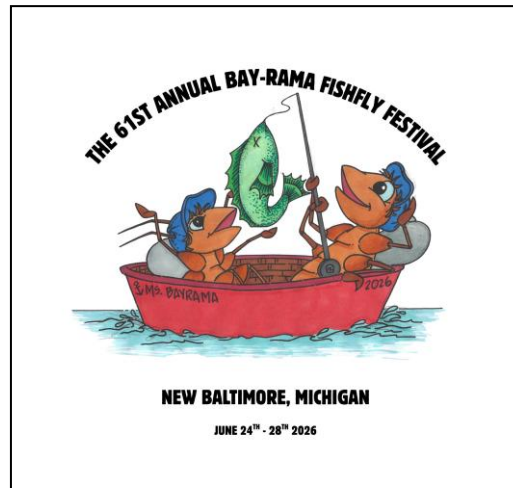
**Important Dates:**

**May 22** Parade Application Deadline

**June 24-28** 2026 Fish Fly Festival

**June 28** Parade and announcement of judge’s picks

The full festival details are available at [www.bay-rama.com](http://www.bay-rama.com)





BAY-RAMA, INC. PARADE RULES AND LIABILITY FORM

1. All parade participants must show respect for all ages, genders, sexual orientations, races, creeds, and cultures of both the Anchor Bay Community and the guests in attendance.
2. The public consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages, marijuana in any form, or illegal substances is strictly forbidden by any participant during the event. Float Drivers must be 18 or older and licensed for the type of vehicle they are operating.
3. The Bay-Rama Festival and its Parade Committee reserves the right to remove from the parade any participant who refuses to follow all rules, regulations, restrictions, and instructions given by parade officials and/or law enforcement.
4. All music, bands, vehicles, floats etc. must be pre-approved by application to the Parade Chair and Bay-Rama Board of Directors.
5. Please maintain a distance of 40 feet (2 car lengths) between you and the participating group in front of you. Spacing between each participating group will be enforced by parade officials. Participating groups are required to maintain the spacing requirement and respond to parade officials as directed. If you are unable to maintain the required spacing, in the interest of safety, your group will be asked to exit the parade route before parade completion. No refund of fees will be issued.
6. The Judge's stand is located on the right side of the street at the intersection of Washington and Green Street. This is where the Judges will be viewing and judging your participating entry. Please maintain your speed and spacing, DO NOT STOP!
7. All musical entries - for the enjoyment of all attendees, please play/sing and maintain your energy for the full duration of the parade.
8. All units will exit the parade route just before Green Street and County Line Road unless instructed otherwise by parade officials or police.
9. The maximum number of people permitted in any entry is 50 except for bands, military units, and participating groups granted express permission by the Parade Chair and Bay-Rama Board of Directors.
10. Equestrian/animal units **must provide their own sanitation** in the form of a pooper-scooper or appropriate diaper. This will be strictly enforced.
11. This is a family event and appropriate attire, and behavior are required. The Parade Chair and Bay-Rama Board of Directors reserve the right to remove or deny any entrant who does not meet these requirements. Entrants are prohibited from displaying or making statements through their advertising, float design or musical choice that are not deemed family-oriented.
12. Notify all participants that they may hand out candy and promotional items, but they MAY NOT THROW anything. This is a safety precaution, so no one runs into the street to retrieve thrown items.
13. HAVE FUN!

I hereby certify that I have read the above Rules/Restrictions; by signing I agree to abide by them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

**PARADE ENTRY WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

Liability: Bay--Rama, Inc., "Fishfly Festival" and/or any of its members, will not be responsible for any theft, damage, injury, or deaths claims. "Parade Entry" agrees to hold Bay--Rama, Inc., "Fishfly Festival" harmless for any claims of liability insurance. In consideration of the foregoing, it is agreed by the undersigned that the individual, heirs, executors, and/or administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against any of the sponsors or organizers of this event, including but not limited to Bay-Rama, Inc., "Fishfly Festival" committee member(s) and/or other related subcommittee(s).

The undersigned save and hold harmless the parties listed above from all loss, damage or injury which might be sustained or become liable for, to any person(s) whomsoever, or property, arising for any cause or for any reason whatsoever in and about, during, and/or because of this event.

I/We hereby affirm that I/we have read and understand the parade rules, regulations and restrictions and agree to the terms of this contract. I/We attest that all entry drivers are 18 years or older.

Name of Parade Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign below*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Applications are incomplete until all requirements are submitted\*\*\***

Please make checks payable to: Bay-Rama, Inc.

Mail to: Bay-Rama Inc

c/o Marybeth Jamieson

PO Box 25, New Baltimore, MI 48047

e-mail [BayRamaParade@gmail.com](mailto:BayRamaParade@gmail.com) Phone (586) 419-0663



Admin section

\_\_\_\_\_ *Hold Harmless* \_\_\_\_\_ *Application* \_\_\_\_\_ *Rules* \_\_\_\_\_ *Full payment*

## 2026 Rama Fishfly Festival Parade Award List

**\*\*\*Categories may have changed since you last participated\*\*\***

\*Larry Thompson Memorial Award for the best float. \$100.00 Prize

\*Lorraine Cataldi Theme Award: Entry which best reflects the theme “Reelin’ In 61 Years!” \$100.00 Prize

\*Bay Rama Fishfly Festival Queens Category Award-First place \$100.00 Prize

The following categories will be awarded **FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE**

*Certificates of Appreciation*

Please pick **one** to be judged by and write it on your application

### Categories:

**Community Partners:** Business & Restaurants

**Our Democracy:** Elected Officials and Hopeful Candidates  
(this category is not eligible for cash prizes)

**Volunteers:** Non-Profit Groups and Churches

**City:** Youth Groups & School Band Groups

**Old Glory:** Pipe, Fife, Drum & Bugle Bands, Color Guards

**Judges:** Unique and Specialty Groups

**Sweethearts:** Majorette Units, Dance & Cheer

**Good Luck:** Horse & Horse Groups

**Classic:** Classic Cars /Trucks, Antique vehicles

Winners are announced on the Bay-Rama web page, on social media and posted at Festival Headquarters after the parade.