



Gingerbread House Competition Official Rules & Procedures

Entry Form & Fee Deadline: Thursday, November 7, 2019

Gingerbread House Drop Off: Monday, November 25, 2019 from 9am-12pm; Location - Gatlinburg Convention Center

Gingerbread Competition Awards Ceremony: TBA by invitation only

Public Gingerbread Display: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 - Sunday, December 1, 2019

Gingerbread House/awards pick up: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 9am - 5pm

For questions contact: Amelia Sweeney (865-436-5600). Entry forms & fees can be dropped off or mailed.
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RULES AND PROCEDURES Please read carefully and retain these sheets for your records. The following rules and procedures have been set forth and established for The Gatlinburg Festival of Trees Gingerbread House Competition (henceforth referred to as GHC). **You are encouraged to submit your entry form early and before the deadline to ensure entry into the competition, as space is limited.** Please do not include your name in the title of your gingerbread entry or anywhere on your exhibit. GHC reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

ENTERING AND QUALIFYING GUIDELINES To be eligible for the competition, a complete and signed copy of Competitor Entry Form must be received by direct mail or drop off no later than **Thursday, November 7, 2019 by 5pm**. The Competitor Entry Form must be signed by the individual(s) entering the competition. If the individual(s) is/are under 18 years of age by the date of the competition, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in addition to the minor's signature and date of birth. Competitors will receive an assigned entry number upon dropping off their gingerbread house. Each participant may only submit one entry. Up to three entries per category will be displayed. Please see the below categories for entry qualifications and entry fees.

ENTRY CATEGORIES/FEES The following categories are open for entry into the GHC.

1. Youth (0-17): **\$10 entry fee**

2. Adult/Families: **\$20 entry fee**

3. Public School Classrooms/Organizations: **no entry fee**

4. *Business (non-culinary): **\$30 entry fee**

5. * Business (culinary/bakeries/restaurants/any businesses that serve edible items): **\$30 entry fee**

***Any business that sponsors a tree will receive one complimentary entry into the Gingerbread House Competition.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: GHC understands that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. In the event you are no longer able to compete **no refunds** will be issued.

DESIGN: Although GHC's holiday competition is titled "The Gatlinburg Festival of Trees Gingerbread House Competition"; entries are not limited to the structure of a house and does not have to be Christmas themed. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 2019 competition, as long as the entry keeps with the competition rules and procedures and the four judging criteria.

JUDGING AND CRITERIA: Judging will be held on Monday, November 25, 2019 with an TBA invitation Awards Ceremony held. Entries will be judged on 1) Overall Appearance, 2) Originality & Creativity, 3) Difficulty and 4) Consistency of Theme. Theme should be competitor's own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no overall theme for the competition. Please do not put your name anywhere on the actual exhibit.

SIZE LIMITATIONS: Entry must be placed on a board base. Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. We suggest using ½" or ¾" plywood as a base for your entry. If you wish to install pegs/risers/feet on the underside of your base, they are considered as part of the base and should not cause the entry's overall height to exceed 24 inches. Weight is not to exceed 50lbs.

MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION: Everything above the base of your entry must be constructed and composed completely of edible materials. The main structure of your entry must be constructed of at least 75% gingerbread, some of which should be exposed.

Any entry with non-edible components will be automatically disqualified. No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or interior lighting, are to be used in the construction or decoration of the entry. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials, for example: lollipop sticks. Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved (and encouraged) to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base only (not to exceed the length and/or width of the base).

Entries must be solely constructed by the individual(s)/teams entering the competition. Youth and School competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. Example: Assistance with operating stovetop/oven. **Pre-made kits can ONLY be used for the Youth and School categories.**

IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION: Any adult can drop off an entry. Make sure to have the name, title of entry, and category available for the GHC staff member checking in the entry. An entry number will be given after the entry has been logged, approved, and payment has been confirmed. Each entry will list the name, category, and title. For safety precautions anyone 17 and under will not have their last name displayed. **Entries can be donated to GHC to sell during the festival.** There is a place on the entry form to mark if you want to donate your entry.

PLACING AND PRIZES: GHC will award one ribbon per entry to each top three winners of the Youth and Adult/Families categories. Trophies awarded to the Schools/Organizations, and all Business categories. Prizes/entries must be picked up by Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Prizes/entries will not be mailed. Prizes/entries not picked up will be donated.

CATEGORIES GHC reserves the right to combine categories if there are not enough entries.

1. YOUTH (0-17) CATEGORY

1st Place: ribbon; Breakfast for 4 with Santa on Saturday, November 30, 2019; attraction tickets

2nd Place: ribbon; attraction tickets

3rd Place: ribbon; attraction tickets

2. Adult/Families CATEGORY

1st Place: ribbon; 3 day/2 night stay at your choice of a Hospitality Solutions Properties (to be used by December 2020)

2nd Place: ribbon; 1 night stay at your choice of a Hospitality Solutions Properties (to be used by December 2020)

3rd Place: ribbon and \$25 gift certificate

3. School Classrooms/Organizations CATEGORY

1st Place: Trophy (large)

2nd Place: Trophy (medium)

3rd Place: Trophy (small)

4. Business (non-culinary) CATEGORY

1st Place: Trophy (large)

2nd Place: Trophy (medium)

3rd Place: Trophy (small)

5. Business (culinary/bakeries/restaurants/any businesses that serve edible items) CATEGORY

1st Place: Trophy (large)

2nd Place: Trophy (medium)

3rd Place: Trophy (small)



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PLEASE PRINT/TYPE CLEARLY. All fields are mandatory.

Entry Category (circle one): Youth (0-17)-\$10 Adult/Families-\$20 Schools/Organizations-\$0

Business—non-culinary \$30

*Business—culinary \$30

*the "Business—culinary" category includes any business that makes edible items in their establishment

Entry Fee Amount (circle one): \$0 \$10 \$20 \$30

Complimentary (only for the business categories that have sponsored a tree): YES NO

Title/name of Gingerbread Entry: _____

Team/Business Name (if applicable): _____

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone/cell: _____ Email Address: _____

I want to donate my entry to be sold. Proceeds will contribute towards the GHC charities (circle): YES NO

*If answered no, then entry must be picked up at scheduled time.

I understand that to be eligible for the competition, I must agree to the following as indicated by my signature below: 1. I must return my entry form & payment by mail or drop off no later than 5pm on Thursday, November 7, 2019. 2. I must deliver my completed entry to GHC on Monday, November 25, 2019, between 9am and 12pm to the Gatlinburg Convention Center. 3. My entry may remain on display throughout the festival. 4. I must pick up my entry between the hours of 9am and 5pm on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 if I'm not donating my entry to GHC. Entries not picked up will be donated. 5. Permission is also granted to GHC to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does GHC guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred to my entry on or off the Gatlinburg Convention Center's property. GHC reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any entry form information.

Signature of Entrant / Team Captain: _____ Date: _____

Entrant date of birth (required if under 18): _____ Age: _____

I affirm that the entrant listed above will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Payments by check only, payable to: **Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation (memo FOT)**

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