



Gingerbread House Contest

Gingerbread houses should be delivered to Room 104 at the Orland Park Public Library beginning December 15th at 9 a.m.

Gingerbread Houses may be entered in one of these Team categories:

Family: Mix of adults and children under 18, any size team

Adults: 18+, up to 4 teammates

Teens: 6th-12th grade, up to 4 teammates

Children: Kindergarten-5th grade, up to 4 teammates

Important Dates

DEC. 15: Drop off entries in Room 104, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DEC. 16: Drop off entries in Room 104, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DEC. 16: Judging, 6-7 p.m.

Rules

1. Gingerbread structures may be houses, train stations, barns, birdhouses, lighthouses, bridges, ships, or other imaginative dwellings.
2. Gingerbread structures must be constructed mainly of gingerbread and icing. Styrofoam and other support materials are not permitted.
3. Entries must be original, no gingerbread kits allowed. All components of the display, except for the base, must be made of edible materials.
4. Edible materials include candy, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, pasta, and other food items that do not include wrappers or sticks. Wrappers should be removed from candy and other decorations.
5. Entries should be mounted on a 14" x 10" cake board. Cake board bases for entries can be picked up by registrants from the Orland Park Public Library at the 2nd floor reference desk beginning September 15th. We recommend reinforcing the cake board with a wood, plastic or other sturdy material base: a cutting board for example.
6. Entries must fit on a 14" x 10" base and should not be taller than 24". No decorations should be placed on the sides of the base or beyond the edges of the provided cake board. Attach a 3"x5" card with the Team leader's name, address, telephone number and E-mail address. Cards will be tucked under base during judging.
7. Entries must be constructed in 2021.
8. Entries will be judged on overall appearance (30 pts), originality/creativity (30 pts), workmanship/technique (30 pts), and difficulty (10 pts). Judging will be held on Thursday, December 16 beginning at 6 p.m.

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Criteria Points	Possible Points	Awarded	Comments
Overall appearance Attractive Neat Good proportion	30 points		
Originality/ Creativity Creative use of edible materials Uniqueness of design	30 points		
Workmanship / Technique All materials are edible Wrappers removed from decorations Structure assembled securely Decorations securely attached Neat	30 points		
Level of Difficulty	10 points		
Total Points	100 points		

Additional Comments: