

2014 Gingerbread House Competition

Rules and Procedures



Please read thoroughly, as some information has changed from previous years.

WHO CAN ENTER

The competition is open to anyone, whether professional or amateur. One entry allowed per person. Employees and families of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission are not permitted to compete.

CATEGORIES & AGE DIVISIONS

ORIGINAL Entries - The main structure (such as roof and walls) must be constructed primarily of hand-made gingerbread. No gingerbread kits or kit components allowed. Main structure cannot be constructed using primarily graham crackers, cookies or similar pre-made product.

- Adult Division: Age 17 and older
- Youth Division: Age 8-16
- Parent-Child Division: Parent & Child Ages 3-7

KIT Entries - Any entry constructed using a gingerbread house kit or kit components.

- Division: All Ages

REGISTRATION and ENTRY CHECK-IN

- Registration is required in advance, but no later than Friday, November 7. There is a \$5 (CCR) non-refundable fee to register.
- Check-in for all entries will be held Sunday, November 9 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. ONLY at the Edisto Hall, James Island County Park, 871 Riverland Drive, Charleston.

SUBJECT

- Entries are not limited to a building or architectural structure, real or imaginary, such as a house, train station, or lighthouse, etc. Competitors are welcome to uniquely design their entry for the competition, as long as the entry is in keeping with the competition Rules and Procedures.
- There is no required theme for the competition.
- 2014 is the 25th Anniversary of the Holiday Festival of Lights, with a tag line of "Making Spirits Bright". Feel free to use this information as inspiration for your entry.
- All entry design, construction, and decoration must be done solely by the individual or parent/child team entering the competition. Youth competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent or legal guardian when that competitor requires assistance with operating the oven or stovetop for example.



SIZE, MATERIALS and CONSTRUCTION

- Entries cannot exceed 18" in width, 18" in depth and 18" in height including the base.
- The entry must be made completely of edible products, except for the base.
- Edible materials are not limited to sweets. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials such as lollipop sticks.
- The base must be made of a sturdy, rigid material such as plywood.
- Base tops must be completely concealed with an edible product, which will be judged as part of the total entry. Sides of the base do not have to be concealed with an edible product.
- No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or lighting, are to be used in the construction or decoration of the entry.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged on 5 Judging Criteria: Overall Appearance, Originality-Creativity, Consistency of Theme, Difficulty, Precision-Workmanship.
- In the event a team entry places in the competition, the individual registrant will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution of any prize or award material will be left to the individual registrant to determine.
- All rulings by the judges are independent and final. In the event of a tie, the Competition Coordinator will break the tie.
- CCPRC reserves the right to refuse check-in or not display an entry, if the entry does not adhere to competition rules and procedures, or is not considered of show quality.

AWARDS

- A choice of a CCPRC Gold Pass or Super Splash Pass, and a place ribbon, will be presented to the first and second place winners in each category age division. Total of 8 prizes may be awarded.
- Awards will be presented at the Awards Presentation on Friday, Nov. 14, beginning at 7:00 pm at Santa's Stage, James Island County Park.
- CCPRC reserves the right to adjust awards as needed to best implement the competition with entries received.

DISPLAY AND PICK-UP

- First place winning entries may be retained for display at various park locations during the run of the Holiday Festival of Lights event.
- Non-winning entries will be returned to participants.

REGISTER: www.charlestoncountyparks.com

QUESTIONS: Call 843-762-8041 (beginning 8/13: 843-762-9507) or e-mail "mbower@ccprc.com"