



10th Annual Gingerbread House Competition

Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee for the purpose of the 2019 Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition. Please retain these rules for your records. For additional information, visit www.simsburycelebrates.com or email questions to simsburycelebrates@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION

The competition is open to all individuals and businesses, however the Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. **Due to space limitations, only the first 35 entrants are guaranteed acceptance into the competition.**

The registration deadline is November 15, 2019. Completed entry forms may be submitted online at www.simsburyrec.com or mailed to Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition, c/o Simsbury Parks and Recreation Dept., 933 Hopmeadow St, Simsbury, CT 06070. Entry forms must contain all required signatures and the entry fee to be considered complete.

All entries must be registered. Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of the completed entry form. Competitors will receive a confirmation letter/email.

Only one Gingerbread House per entry form is permitted, and individuals may have only one entry in each category for which they are eligible to compete. The 2019 Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition Entry Form must be signed by the individual(s) entering the competition. If the individual is younger than eighteen (18) by November 15, 2019, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in addition to the minor's signature.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

The Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee will award gift cards donated by sponsors of Simsbury Celebrates to all first-place winners in the competitive categories. In the case of a group entry, the prize will be awarded to the lead team member on the entry form.

Masters - bakers, chefs, caterers, artists, etc.; may include one or more individuals

Adults – Entrants age 16 and older; may include one or more individuals

Youth – Entrants age 15 and under; may include one or more individuals

Mixed Groups – Groups comprised of both youth and adults; may include two or more individuals

Display Only – any individual or group entering the competition that does not wish to compete for a prize

For any team entering the competition, one entrant should be listed as the group lead team member, and all other entrants should be listed. A signature from a parent or legal guardian is also required for each member under the age of 18.

The Youth category is for youths (individual or team) age 15 or under who independently design, construct and decorate their entry (i.e. no parental assistance).

The Mixed Group category is for groups consisting of both Youth and Adult members. This includes youth groups, scout troops, and families with adults and children. **Children receiving parental assistance should submit an entry in this category.**

ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS

All entries must be constructed of 100% edible materials. Bases may be of, and covered with, non-food related material. Battery operated lighting is permissible. Kits may be used; however, difficulty and originality scores will be impacted.

Entries must be submitted on a board base. We suggest using a ½ or ¾ inch plywood. Entries, in combination with the base, must not be larger than 24 inches wide and 24 inches long (no restriction on height), however entries **are not required** to reach this maximum size. **Anything exceeding these measurements will be disqualified.**

Please include, on a separate sheet that will be displayed in your area, the materials used in the gingerbread house construction process. The top of your sheet should have the name of your gingerbread house. **Please DO NOT include your name in the name of your gingerbread house. Doing so will disqualify you from the competition.**

JUDGING

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme. The theme should be the competitors own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no required theme for the competition – it is not required to be holiday related.

All categories will be awarded places first through third. The first-place winners in each of the categories will receive a Gift Card (see above). Prizes to group entrants will be awarded to the group team lead member, and it is up to each group to determine how to share the prize. Ribbons will be awarded to 2nd and 3rd place winners in each of the categories.

Judging will be held Sunday, November 24, 2019. All entries must be delivered between 1:00 and 2:30pm. The reception and judging will take place from 3:00-4:00pm. A small reception will be held during the judging for entrants and guests. Winners will be announced (placements will be posted on the houses) and prizes will be distributed. Winning entries will be clearly marked following the judging, at Simsbury Celebrates, and until entries are picked up.

POST COMPETITION

The entry remains on display through the week following Simsbury Celebrates. All entries should be **picked up on Sunday, December 8, 2019 between 12-1 PM.** Any entries not picked up by this time will be disposed of or donated. Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee has sole permission to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of the entry and/or the entrant with the entry for either internal or external release; this includes print and online publications as well as local television. It is understood that the image of the entry becomes property of Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee.