



RULES AND PROCEDURES

Rules and procedures have changed significantly from prior years, please read all information carefully and retain these sheets for your records.

The following rules and procedures have been set forth and established by The Savannah Harbor Foundation in conjunction with The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa for the purpose of the 2019 Gingerbread Village Competition.

For additional questions, please contact Sebrell Smith by emailing Sebrell@sebrellsmith.com, or calling 912-604-6852.

ENTRY FORMS

If you are interested in participating, please register online at www.savannahharborfoundation.com/gingerbread, You can also mail your form to the address below:

Sebrell Smith
Attn: Gingerbread Competition
8419 Ferguson Avenue
Savannah, GA 31406

To be eligible for the competition, a completed Entry Form must be received no later than 5pm on Friday, November 1, 2019. Due to space, only a limited number of entries will be accepted into the competition. You are encouraged to submit your entry form early and before the deadline to ensure participation.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

- Adult Category - Individuals 18 years of age or older
- Teen Category (Ages 13-17) - entering as a single entrant or team
- Youth Category (Ages 9-12) - entering as a single entrant or team
- Child Category (Ages 5-8) - entering as a single entrant or team

If competing as a team, include only the team captain's contact information on the entry form. In the case of school groups entering the competition, the classroom teacher should be listed as the team captain. In the event a team entry wins a prize, the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. If individuals working on a team entry are of different ages that would place them in different categories independently, the team must enter in the appropriate category for the

oldest individual in the group. Individuals 18 years of age but still enrolled in high school may compete in the Teen Category as a member of a team entry.

All entries must be solely constructed by the individual entering the competition. Teen, Youth and Child competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. Acceptable Supervision Example: When Teen, Youth, or Child competitors require assistance with operating the oven and/or stovetop.

DESIGN

Although this competition is titled “The 19th Annual Gingerbread Competition”; entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 2019 competition, as long as their entry is holiday related and in keeping with the competition rules and judging criteria. We reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

JUDGING AND CRITERIA

Judging will take place Saturday, November 23, 2019 with an Awards Ceremony held the following morning. Judges will be evaluating entries based on the following criteria:

- 1) Overall Appearance & Appeal
- 2) Originality & Creativity
- 3) Difficulty
- 4) Precision and Neatness
- 5) Consistency of theme (Theme should be competitor’s own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no overall theme for the competition.)

All rulings by the judges are independent and final. They are in no way influenced by the Savannah Harbor Foundation or Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa’s staff. In the event of a tie, the competition Call Judge will be asked to break the tie.

MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

BASE

Entry must be constructed on a board base. We suggest using ½” or ¾” plywood. Use of pegs or risers on the bottom of the base is preferred but not required.

If you wish to install “legs” on the underside of your base, the legs are considered as part of the base and should not cause the entry’s height to exceed 24 inches.

SIZE LIMITATIONS

Due to limited space, we are not able to accept entries that do not adhere to these requirements:

- Base size must not exceed 24’x24’

- Overall height must not exceed 24”

USE ONLY APPROVED MATERIALS

- 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.
- Edible materials are not limited to candies and icings. Use of gum paste, fondant, pastillage, chocolate, modeling chocolate, royal icing, isomalt, cast sugar, gelatin and pressed sugar is encouraged.
- 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) only to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base.
- We cannot accept structures made with egg or butter icings as they quickly turn rancid and soften causing the structure to disintegrate. We recommend only using Royal Icing.

DELIVERY DATES

Individual participants and teams are responsible for delivering their Gingerbread creations to the Harborview Ballroom of the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa during the following drop off times:

Thursday, November 21 from 3PM - 7PM

Friday, November 22 from 10AM – 6PM

Saturday, November 23 from 9AM – 11AM

Any entry arriving after 11AM on Saturday, November 23rd will NOT be included in the judging process.

DISPLAY

The Gingerbread exhibit will be on display at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa November 24th – December 29th. We reserve the right to remove homes prior to December 29th as needed due to deterioration.

Every effort will be made to display all entries to their best advantage; however due to limitations of our display areas, detailed interiors or backs of houses may not be visible during display.

All entries will be placed to best fit our display area, therefore, we cannot guarantee groups of houses will be displayed together.

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AWARDS CEREMONY & PRIZES

The 2019 Gingerbread Competition Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 4:30PM. Competitors are welcome to invite family and friends, however, this ceremony is not open to the public.

The Savannah Harbor Foundation will award the follow Gingerbread Competition Prizes:

ADULT CATEGORY

- Grand Prize: \$1000
- 2nd Place: \$600
- 3rd Place: \$350

TEEN CATEGORY

- 1st Place: \$250
- 2nd Place: \$100
- 3rd Place: \$50

YOUTH CATEGORY

- 1st Place: \$250
- 2nd Place: \$100
- 3rd Place: \$50

CHILD CATEGORY

- 1st Place: \$250
- 2nd Place: \$100
- 3rd Place: \$50

Prize checks will be sent to the individual winner or team captain after the competition and will be mailed to the address that is provided on the entry form. Winners of cash prizes will be required to fill out the appropriate tax forms in order for a prize check to be issued. In order to expedite this process, please see a Special Events team member after the ceremony.

ENTRY PICK-UP

Competitors that wish to keep their gingerbread structures after the competition display ends must notify Sebrell Smith at gingerbread@savannahharborfoundation.com. Entries not identified for picked up will be discarded.

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Name of Individual Participant or Team Captain:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Team Name if applicable: _____

Please check the category your entry will be competing in:

- ___ Adult - Individuals 18 years of age or older
- ___ Teen Category (Ages 13-17) - entering as a single entrant or team
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I understand that in order to be eligible for the competition I must agree to the following as indicated by my signature below:

- All entry forms must be received by Friday, November 1, 2019.
- I am responsible for delivering my completed entry to The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa during the designated drop off hours:
 - Thursday, November 21 between 3PM and 7PM
 - Friday, November 22 between 10AM and 6PM
 - Saturday, November 23 between 9AM and 11AM
- I must follow all the Rules and Procedures set forth by The Savannah Harbor Foundation and the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa.
- I hereby grant permission to The Savannah Harbor Foundation and The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa to publish images of my entry for marketing purposes.
- The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa at no time guarantees the safety or security of the entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the resort's property.

• The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa reserves the right to refuse any entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at the hotel, to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any information which is submitted on this entry form.

Signature of Entrant: _____ Date: _____