

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo Winter **FEST**



Gingerbread House Contest Rules

DATE:	Friday, December 1, 2017
ENTRY FEE:	Family/Group \$5 Entry CASH ONLY!
AGES:	All Ages: Family/Group, Sub-Junior (8-12), Junior (13-17), Adult 18 or older
ENTRY FORMS:	Entry forms are due in the Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. November 30, 2017
DROP OFF:	All Gingerbread Houses must be dropped off from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2017
JUDGING:	Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2017

1. All Gingerbread house entries must be made with **Graham Crackers (NO KITS)** and be in the form of a house.
2. All Gingerbread houses must be placed on a sturdy cardboard base not to exceed 18"x18".
3. All Gingerbread houses must be 100% edible, candy/embellishments/materials except the base board and candy wrappers. Non-edible support structure material other than the base board may not be used.
4. No artificial interior materials, such as Styrofoam, are to be used to construct or decorate the house.
5. Non-edible decorations, such as paint, ribbon, figurines, etc. may be used **ONLY** to decorate your base.
6. **A list of materials used to create your Gingerbread House along with a title and a brief description should be submitted with your entry or your entry will not be accepted for judging.**
7. Completed entries forms must be submitted to the Galveston County Fair Office no later than 5pm Nov. 30.
8. All Gingerbread Houses must be dropped off between 3:30pm to 5:30pm Friday December 1 in the Fair Office. Judging will be at 6pm and the winner will be announced after the Christmas Tree Lighting. Approximately 7pm.
9. Items may be picked up on Saturday, December 2nd from 2pm to 4pm. All entries left past 4pm will be disposed of.
10. All entries will be judged on the following: Overall appearance, Creativity and originality and technique and skill.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE TIPS AND RECIPES

- A. Icing is the glue that holds the gingerbread house and materials together. The icing should be stiff enough to work as a glue and hold its shape, but flexible enough to spread easily.
- B. If you would like to color your icing, use paste food coloring. Liquid food coloring will thin out the icing. Keep a moist towel over the mixing bowl to keep the icing from hardening.
- C. Let Icing dry completely. If your icing is soft the walls and roof will slip and slide around when you add candy and decorations.

Royal Icing Recipe 1

3 tbsp. Meringue powder
4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
6 tbsp. water
Beat all ingredients at low speed for
7 to 10 minutes, or until icing forms peaks

Royal Icing Recipe 2

3 cups confectioners' sugar
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
2 egg whites, beaten
In a bowl, sift together confectioners' sugar and cream of tartar. Using Electric mixer, beat in 2 beaten egg Whites for about 5 minutes or until Mixture is thick enough to hold its shape

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Entry Form



Name _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Gingerbread House Title: _____

Short Description: _____

Family/Group _____

Sub-Junior Individual (8-12) _____

Junior Individual (13-17) _____

Adult 18 or older Individual _____

Would you like to donate your Gingerbread House to our Silent Auction? YES Or NO

Proceeds will go to the GCF&R Scholarship Fund.

I hereby release and discharge the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc., County of Galveston, Galveston County Parks and Senior Services and Commissioners Court and any other organization/company involved with this event from all claims, demands, actions and causes of actions I may have, in any manner arising out of my participation in the Gingerbread House Contest. I specifically assume the risk of participation in this Gingerbread House Contest. Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc. WinterFest, retains exclusive publicity rights pertaining to all shows/events, including all skits or additional contests held in conjunction with the Show/Event. By signing below, Contestant/Parent gives the Event permission to use photos and videos of Contestant, including Contestant(s) animal(s) or property, skits, etc., for website, social media, television and video presentations without compensation or prior permission of Contestant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Entry Forms to: Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.
Gingerbread House Contest
P.O. Box 889
Santa Fe, TX 77510

Bring Entry Forms to: Galveston County Fair Office
#10 Jack Brooks Park, Hwy. 6
Hitchcock, TX 77563
409-986-6010

\$5	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Form of Payment:	_____
Date Payment Received:	_____
Amount Paid:	_____