

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo Winter **FEST**



Gingerbread House Contest Rules

DATE:	Friday, December 1, 2023
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. Tuesday, November 28, 2023
DROP OFF:	All Gingerbread Houses/Structure must be dropped off from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2023
JUDGING:	Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2023

1. All Gingerbread house/structure entries must be made with **Graham Crackers (NO KITS)** and be a recognizable house/structure.
2. All Gingerbread houses/structures must be placed on a sturdy cardboard base not to exceed 18"x18".
3. All Gingerbread houses/structures 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/structure.
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/Structure 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 5:00pm Tuesday, November 28th.
8. All Gingerbread Houses/Structures must be dropped off between 3:00pm to 5:00pm Friday, December 1st in Ed Pickett Hall in the Country Store. Judging will be at 6:00 p.m. and the winner will be announced after the Christmas Tree Lighting. Approximately 7:00 p.m.
9. Items may be picked up on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. All entries left past 2:00 p.m. will be disposed of.
10. All entries will be judged on the following: Overall appearance, Creativity, originality and technique & skill.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE/STRUCTURE TIPS AND RECIPES

- A. Icing is the glue that holds the gingerbread house/structure 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/Structure Title: _____

Short Description: _____

Family/Group _____

Sub-Junior Individual (8-12) _____

Junior Individual (13-17) _____

Senior 18 or older Individual _____

*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. *An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exist in any public gathering place and by signing you do not hold GCF&R responsible for your health and safety.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Entry Forms to: Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, Inc.
Gingerbread House Contest
10 Jack Brooks Road
Hitchcock, TX 77563

Bring Entry Forms to: Galveston County Fairgrounds
10 Jack Brooks Road
Hitchcock, TX 77563
409-986-6010

\$5 **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Form of Payment: _____

Date Payment Received: _____

Amount Paid: _____

