

Gingerbread House Contest

December 12th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Please bring a dessert to share at our Dessert Bar.



Gingerbread House Village Ideas

1. Choose a Theme

- **Classic Christmas Village:** Traditional gingerbread houses with snowy roofs, candy cane fences, and gumdrop paths.
- **Winter Wonderland:** Add snowmen (marshmallows), ice skating ponds (blue sugar sheets), and frosted pine trees (ice cream cones with green icing).
- **Storybook Scene:** Recreate a scene like “Noah’s Ark,” “A Manger,” or even a whimsical “Town of Bethlehem” as suggested in your contest rules.

2. Creative Structures

- Build different types of buildings: a bakery, a church, a toy shop, or even a gingerbread train station.
- Use ice cream cones for trees, pretzel sticks for fences, and shredded coconut for snow.

3. Decorating Tips

- Use a variety of candies: gumdrops, peppermints, licorice, chocolate buttons, and sprinkles.
- Royal icing works best for “glue” and snowy effects.
- Add details like stained glass windows (melted candy), wreaths (cereal rings with green icing), and lanterns (mini marshmallows on toothpicks).

4. Group or Individual Effort

- Work as a group to create a connected village, or work individually to build a unique house.
- Make sure each house is free-standing and moveable, as required by the contest.

5. Presentation

- Place your village on a sturdy board covered with foil or a snowy tablecloth.
- Add a name card for your entry (no personal identification visible).

Competition Guidelines and Official Rules

Welcome to our first Gingerbread House Contest! This fun and festive event invites participants of all ages and skill levels to showcase their creativity by constructing original gingerbread houses. Please read the following rules and guidelines carefully.

Contest Dates

- All entries should be started at home, but must be completed in the Boshier Gray Building on the day of the contest.
- Judging: Judging will take place at 7:45 pm.
- Be creative! You can build the Town of Bethlehem, A Manger Scene, Noah's Ark, Christmas Village, or a traditional Gingerbread House.

Entry Requirements

- All entries must be original.
- Structures must be free-standing and movable.
- All visible components (walls, roof, decorations) must be edible. Non-edible internal supports (toothpicks, boards) are permitted but must not be visible.
- Store-bought kits are allowed, but creativity and originality will be judged.
- Please include a name card with your entry (no personal identification visible).

Categories

- Families or groups are encouraged
- Individual entries are allowed
- Children (12 and under)
- Teens (13–17)
- Adults (18+)
- Prizes will go to
 - Most Original Idea
 - Best details
 - Most Traditional Gingerbread House
 - Best in Show