Pender Sheriff’s Charitable Foundation

Gingerbread House Competition

**Entry Categories**

The following categories are available for entry into the 2023 Gingerbread House Competition:

* Adult Category – Individuals 18 years of age and older
* Teen Category – Individuals between 13 and 17 years of age
* Youth Category – Individuals between 9 and 12 years of age
* Child Category – Individuals between 5 and 8 years of age

We will be accepting **only** 5 entries per category.

Only 1 entry per person.

**Entry Category Guidelines**

* To be eligible for the competition, the Competitor Entry Form must be received by 5:00pm on November 13th, 2023.
* The Entry Title and Description Form must be submitted at time of drop-off on November 17th.

**Judging**

All entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

* Overall Appearance
* Originality & Creativity
* Neatness/Precision
* Structure Stability
* Difficulty
* Consistency of Theme

**Contest Rules & Information**

* Entries must be constructed with 100% edible ingredients – except for the base.
* The entry should be composed of a significant majority of gingerbread.
* Gingerbread House kits are allowed to be used **ONLY** by participants ages 5-8 years old.
* We encourage parent or guardian supervision and assistance when operating stovetops, ovens, and other heating elements but, children should be primarily responsible for decorating! We want to keep this competition as fair as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!
* Structure should be built on a sturdy base – ½” or ¾” plywood or foam core recommended.
* Base should not exceed 18” wide x 18” deep and 24” tall or weigh greater than 50lbs. No element of your entry should extend beyond or hang over the edge of the base.
* The base may be covered in non-edible items such as paint, paper, ribbon, or fabric, but should not be included in the gingerbread structure.
* Feet or risers under the base are encouraged for the ease of moving but are not required.
* A list of materials used to create your Gingerbread House along with a title and brief description should be submitted with your entry. (A form will be emailed to you upon registration).
* Houses need to be dropped off at Hampstead United Methodist Church Family Life Building on Friday, November 17th no later than 4:30pm.
* Houses will be on display during the Christmas in Pender Festival of Trees Event on Saturday, November 18th and Sunday the 19th from 1:00pm-5:00pm.
* Judging will be done by a panel of community judges on Friday, November 17th. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st Place in each category.
* Please make plans to pick up your gingerbread house at the end of the event on Sunday, November 19th by 5:00pm – we cannot save any that are left at clean-up, and they will be thrown out if not claimed, including the base.

**Registration**

* There is a $10 entry fee per participant. Cash only – due on Friday, November 17th when dropping off your Gingerbread House.
* To register, go to <https://penderpr.recdesk.com> and click on the Programs tab and select ‘Special Events’.
* Click on ‘Register Now’ next to the Gingerbread House Competition and complete the form.
* Please make sure you register in the correct category (Child, Youth, Teen, or Adult)

**Questions**

For any questions regarding the Gingerbread House Competition, please call Pender County Parks and Recreation at 910.259.1330 or email us at [parksandrec@pendercountync.gov](mailto:parksandrec@pendercountync.gov)