

ENTER THE GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

Gingerbread enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds are invited to compete for more than \$2,500 in cash prizes at the 13th Annual Gingerbread Festival.

All entries will be on display at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, December 12-14, 2025

CATEGORIES TO ENTER

Some categories have changed this year, please read carefully

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

Ages 18 & Older. Entry by individual or team.

1st \$750 | 2nd \$500 | 3rd \$250

AMATEUR CATEGORY

Ages 18 & Older. Entry by individual or team.

1st \$500 | 2nd \$250 | 3rd \$125

TEEN CATEGORY

Ages 13 to 17. Entry by individual or team.

1st \$150 | 2nd \$100 | 3rd \$50

YOUTH CATEGORY

Ages 9 to 12. Entry by individual or team.

Kits allowed.

1st \$100 | 2nd \$75 | 3rd \$50

CHILD CATEGORY

Ages 5 to 8. Entry by individual or team.

Kits allowed.

1st \$75 | 2nd \$50 | 3rd \$25

PINT SIZE CATEGORY

Ages 5 & under. Team entries only.

Made with milk carton and graham crackers.

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For more information contact:

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SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House

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Newport, NC 28570

www.thegingerbreadfestival.com



CRYSTAL COAST HOSPICE HOUSE

GINGERBREAD FESTIVAL

Magic of Christmas

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION & DISPLAY

DECEMBER 12-14, 2025

CRYSTAL COAST CIVIC CENTER
MOREHEAD CITY, NC

www.thegingerbreadfestival.com

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HOUSE

All proceeds benefit the
SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Complete as an Individual Competitor or Team Captain

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone / Cell # _____

Email _____

Enter Classification (check one):

- ☐ Individual Entry
☐ Team Entry

Category Entered (check one)

- ☐ Professional, Ages 18 & Older
☐ Amateur, Ages 18 & Older
☐ Teen, Ages 13-17
☐ Youth, Ages 9-12
☐ Child, Ages 5-8
☐ Pint Size Elves, Ages 5 and under

I understand and agree to the rules and guidelines.

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

if entrant under 18 years old

Date _____

**Return Entry Form by
DECEMBER 5, 2025**

SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House
PO Box 640, Newport, NC 28570

OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

For complete list of rules & regulations,
visit www.thegingerbreadfestival.com

1 FREE TO ENTER The deadline for completed entry forms is DECEMBER 5, 2025

2 2025 CONTEST CATEGORIES

PROFESSIONAL 18 years years & older
Entry by an individual or team.

AMATEUR 18 years of age & older
Entry by an individual or team.

TEEN 13-17 years of age
Entry by an individual or team.

YOUTH 9-12 years of age
Entry by an individual or team.

CHILD 5-8 years of age
Entry by an individual or team.

PINT SIZE ELVES 5 years of age & under
Entry by team.

3 JUDGING

Entries will be judged on a scale of 1-5 based on:

- Overall Appearance
- Originality
- Use of Materials
- Consistency of Theme

The "People's Choice Award" will be awarded based on public voting.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, December 14, 4-5 pm

4 ENTRY DROP OFF

Completed entries must be delivered to Crystal Coast Civic Center on Friday, December 12, between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm. The Gingerbread Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate which does not follow the rules and guidelines. Any entry which begins to look in disrepair may be removed from display.

5 ENTRY SPECIFICS

There is no overall theme for the competition. Although, it is titled Gingerbread House Competition, entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are encouraged to uniquely design their entry. Entries must have been constructed in 2025.

6 MATERIAL & CONSTRUCTION

The main structure should be constructed 100% of gingerbread, some of which should be exposed and not fully covered in icing or other decorative element. Everything above the base should be edible materials. The use of gingerbread house kits is allowed ONLY by entrants in the Youth (9-12), and Child (5-8) Categories. Entries in the **Pint Size Category** should be constructed using a milk carton and graham crackers.

Everything visible on entries in ALL categories must be edible. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials, for example, lollipop sticks. Two-dimensional fondant/marzipan/gum paste components cut with a smart cutting machine (Circuit, Silhouette, etc.) are permitted. No 3D printed components. No hot glue, icing only. No electric will be available for entries.

Display Board Rules: All entries should be submitted on a wooden or plastic base, no larger than 24"L x 18"W. Entries should not exceed 26" in height. Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved and encouraged to decorate the outer edge of your base only. The base is considered part of the judging criteria and should complement your creation.

7 ENTRY IDENTIFICATION

Following receipt of the Competitor Entry form, entrant will receive a confirmation email providing the GBF number. Entries must be clearly labeled with its assigned GBF number. This can be incorporated into the piece or on the outer edge of the base.

8 ENTRY DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Description Summary form will be emailed to you along with your assigned GBF number. The purpose of the summary is to better inform the judges of your vision, theme, process, and material usage that may not be obvious from viewing your entry. Summary should be anonymous and free from identifying factors.

9 ENTRY PICKUP

Entries may be taken after the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, December 14 or picked up on Monday, December 15 between 8:30 am -12 pm. Any entry not picked up by the specified time will be discarded.