

ENTER THE GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

Enter your edible masterpiece in our competition to benefit SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House.

Whether you are a culinary professional, an amateur, business, or group of friends the possibilities are endless, and the prizes are sweet!

CATEGORIES TO ENTER

The 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 6 to 8. Entry by individual or team.

Kits allowed.

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

PINT SIZE CATEGORY

Ages 5 & under. Entry by individual or team.

Made with milk carton and graham crackers.

1st **\$50**

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For more information contact:
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SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House

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PO Box 640
Newport, NC 28570

www.th Gingerbread Festival.com



CRYSTAL COAST HOSPICE HOUSE

GINGERBREAD FESTIVAL

Magic of Christmas

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION & DISPLAY

DECEMBER 8-10, 2023

CRYSTAL COAST CIVIC CENTER
MOREHEAD CITY, NC

www.th Gingerbread Festival.com



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 6-8

Pint Size, 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 1, 2023

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 1, 2023

2 2023 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 6-8 years of age
Entry by an individual or team.

PINT SIZE DIVISION 5 years of age & under
Entry by an individual or 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 10, 4-5 pm

4 ENTRY DROP OFF

Completed entries must be delivered to Crystal Coast
Civic Center on Friday, December 8, 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

Entries are not limited to the structure of a house but
must have been constructed in 2023. There is no
overall theme for the competition. Competitors are
encouraged to uniquely design their entry.

6 MATERIAL & CONSTRUCTION

The main structure should be constructed 100% of
gingerbread, some of which should be exposed.
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 (6-8) 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 10 or picked up on Monday,
December 11 between 8:30 am -12 pm. Any entry not
picked up by the specified time will be discarded.