

THE 2009 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa
Asheville, North Carolina

Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department for the purpose of the 2009 National Gingerbread House Competition. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, contact the Special Events Department at (800) 438-0050, extension 8045.

ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

The competition is open to everyone except employees of The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa and their immediate family and/or household members.

To be eligible for the competition, a signed and completed entry form must be received by fax or mail prior to 5 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2009. Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of completed entry forms, and competitors will receive a letter or e-mail with entry number confirming their entry into the 2009 competition.

Competitors are asked to complete a Federal W-9 Tax Form to be returned at the time of In-take. Only the Federal W-9 Tax Forms associated with winning entries will be kept on file; all others will be shredded.

Only one (1) entry per entry form is permitted.

The 2009 National Gingerbread House Competition Entry Form must be signed by the individual entering the competition. If the individual is younger than the age of eighteen (18) by the date of the competition In-take, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in conjunction with the minor's signature.

Team Entries are allowed for entry under the following guidelines.

- Please complete one (1) entry form for the team that only includes the team captain's contact information. In the case of school groups entering the competition, the classroom teacher should be listed as the team captain and provide his or her contact information. Only the team captain should return a completed Federal W-9 Tax Form at the time of In-take.
- A separate typed list of each team members' first and last names, along with ages, should be included with the team's entry form.
- A signature from a parent or legal guardian will still be required for each team member under eighteen (18) years of age.
- In the event a Team Entry places in the competition, the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prize, ribbon, or plaque will be left to the team captain to determine.
- A Team is defined as two (2) to five (5) individuals working on a single entry. No more than five (5) individuals are allowed to work on a single entry.

Due to space, only a limited number of entries will be accepted into the competition.

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The Special Events Department at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa understands that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. In the event you are no longer able to compete, please inform The Special Events Department at (800) 438-0050, extension 8045.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following guidelines exist for each of the categories listed below.

- Each entry, regardless of category, is limited to no more than five (5) individuals working on the entry.
- If individuals working on a single entry are of different ages and would be in different categories independently, enter these individuals in the appropriate category for the oldest individual in the group.
- Individuals eighteen (18) years of age but still enrolled in high school may compete in the Teen Category as a member of a Team Entry.

The following categories are open for entry into the 2009 National Gingerbread House Competition at The Grove Park

Inn Resort & Spa.

- Adult Category - Individuals eighteen (18) years of age and older entering as a Single entrant or a Team.
- Teen Category - Individuals between thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) years of age entering as a Single entrant or a Team.
- Youth Category - Individuals between nine (9) and twelve (12) years of age entering as a Single entrant or a Team.
- Child Category - Individuals between five (5) and eight (8) years of age entering as a Single entrant or a Team.

PLACING and PRIZES

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa will award one entry from the competition the title of Grand Prize.

Grand Prize Winner - \$3,000 Prize Check, Two-night Club Floor stay at The Grove Park Inn, dinner for two, daily breakfast for two, a Prize Package from Chef Nicholas Lodge including a two-day class at the Nicholas Lodge School in Atlanta, GA, Ribbon (Total value of \$5,500)

Additionally, the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa will award prizes in the four categories for first through third place.

Adult Category 1st Place - \$1,000 Prize Check, a two-night Mountain View stay including dinner for two, daily breakfast for two, two Spa Day Passes, Ribbon

Adult Category 2nd Place - \$500 Prize Check, a one-night Mountain View stay including breakfast, dinner for two, Ribbon

Adult Category 3rd Place - \$350 Prize Check, Ribbon

Teen Category 1st Place - \$500 Prize Check, dinner for four at The Grove Park Inn restaurant of your choice, Ribbon

Teen Category - 2nd Place will receive \$300 Prize Check, Ribbon

Teen Category - 3rd Place will receive \$200 Prize Check, Ribbon

Youth Category 1st Place - \$250 Prize Check, dinner for four at The Grove Park Inn restaurant of your choice, Ribbon

Youth Category 2nd Place - \$150 Prize Check, Ribbon

Youth Category 3rd Place - \$100 Prize Check, Ribbon

Child Category 1st Place - \$75 Prize Check, dinner for four at The Grove Park Inn restaurant of your choice, Ribbon

Child Category 2nd Place - \$50 Prize Check, Ribbon

Child Category 3rd Place - \$25 Prize Check, Ribbon

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa will also award the following winners with a separate ribbon and plaque.

Top Ten Winners in the Adult Category.

Top Ten Winners in the Teen Category.

Top Five Winners in the Youth Category.

Top Five Winners in the Child Category.

SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION, and DESCRIPTION:

Entries must not exceed 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. Entry must be placed on a board base. We suggest using ½" or ¾" plywood as a base for your entry. Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. If you wish to install "legs" on the underside of your base, the legs are considered as part of the base and should not cause the entry's height to exceed twenty-four (24) inches.

Write your name, address, and entry number on the underside of your base.

Include with your gingerbread entry a typed, one-page description of your entry. Include any unique features about your gingerbread entry and materials used in the construction process. The top of your sheet should have the name of your gingerbread entry and your entry number. Please DO NOT include your name in the name of your gingerbread entry; doing so will disqualify you from the competition. The one-page description will ONLY be used for entries traveling for publicity purposes and for display purposes; the judges will not read entry descriptions unless requested by the Call Judge.

JUDGING PROCESS and JUDGING CRITERIA:

Public judging will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. A Formal Awards Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m., and all winners will be announced at that time.

Entries will be judged in five categories:

Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme (Theme should be competitors own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no required theme for the competition.)

All rulings by the judges are independent and final. They are in no way influenced by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa staff or affiliates. In the event of a tie, the competition Call Judge will be asked to break the tie.

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

MATERIALS and CONSTRUCTION:

Except for the base, entries must be constructed and composed completely of edible materials. The main structure should be constructed primarily of gingerbread. Paint and or ribbon may be used to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base (not to exceed the length and/or width of the base). Any entry with non-edible components will be automatically disqualified.

Edible materials are not limited to sweets. No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam or interior lighting, are to be used in the construction or decoration of the entry. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials such as lollipop sticks.

All entries must be solely constructed by the individual(s) entering the competition. Teen, Youth and Child competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. However, all entry design, construction, and decoration must be done solely by the individual(s) entering the competition.

(Acceptable Supervision Example: When Teen, Youth, or Child competitors require assistance with operating the oven and/or stovetop.)

DESIGN:

Although The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's holiday competition is titled 'The National Gingerbread House Competition', entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 2009 competition, as long as the entry is in keeping with the competition Rules and Procedures and the five (5) Judging Criteria.

Entry design should be new and not previously entered into The Grove Park Inn's National Gingerbread House Competition.

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

ENTRY IN-TAKE and ENTRY PICK-UP:

Completed entries must be delivered to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's Grand Ballroom on either Sunday, November 15, 2009, between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., or on Monday, November 16, 2009, between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The Grand Ballroom is located on Level 8 of the Vanderbilt Wing.

Driving Directions: The following is the preferred and easiest route to arrive on property with your gingerbread house:

From Charlotte Street, turn left onto Edwin Place (street before Macon Avenue); go through one traffic light; turn right onto Country Club Road; turn right onto Club View Road; stay left on Club View Road; go through stop sign (Vanderbilt Parking Garage is on right); turn right at next stop sign; take next right into parking area; continue up hill to Bus Parking Area where a Security Officer will assist you. You must park your vehicle before going through the In-take process.

The Resort's Bus Parking Area will be the drop-off point and unloading area for entries. Vehicles will be allowed a maximum of ten (10) minutes for unloading entries. Carts for transporting gingerbread entries will only be made available at this location and are not permitted to be held in guest rooms. Violators may be disqualified from the competition. Please be aware that Resort Staff is not permitted to assist in the direct transportation of any entry; this is for the safety of the competition entries.

Entry In-take will proceed in the following order.

- In-take tables, divided by category, located on Level 7 (ground level) of the Vanderbilt Wing.
- Photography station located on Level 8 (one level up from In-take tables) of the Vanderbilt Wing.
- Entry placement, predetermined by entry number, in the Grand Ballroom on Level 8 of the Vanderbilt Wing.

Entries must be picked up between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010, and Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Entries not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2010. No exceptions.

DISPLAY INFORMATION

Entries will be on display at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, or third-party venue deemed appropriate by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, during the resort's holiday season, beginning Wednesday, November 18, 2009, and ending Sunday, January 3, 2010. Permission is granted to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa to transport my entry for publicity

purposes while understanding that at no time does The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the resort's property. The Special Events Department takes extra precautions to help ensure the safe transportation of entries traveling for publicity purposes.

When making plans to visit the National Gingerbread House Display at The Grove Park Inn, individuals traveling in vehicles larger than an eight passenger personal vehicle will be required to make parking reservations with the resort's Security Department at extension 1281. Group viewing dates are subject to availability for large vehicle parking as resort parking is limited. Please also understand that non-resort guest viewing days are limited to Monday through Thursday; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday viewing is reserved strictly for resort guests dining or staying at The Grove Park Inn.

Please be aware the Grand Prize entry along with other winning entries may be removed from the National Gingerbread House Display during the resort's holiday season for publicity purposes. Past publicity dates have included the seven days prior to Christmas and the seven (7) days following Christmas. Publicity dates for the 2009 holiday season have not been set at this time.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa offers a discounted room rate to competitors in the 2009 National Gingerbread House Competition. Information on the discounted room rate and reservation policies for The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa is made available upon receipt of completed entry form. Discounted rooms are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

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2009 Entry Form

Entry # _____ (assigned by GPI)

Please print the following information.

(Team Entries should only include the Team Captain's information. A secondary list of each Team Members' name should be included, along with date of birth and signature from a parent, legal guardian, or teacher if under eighteen (18) years of age. A Team is defined as two (2) to five (5) individuals working on a single entry. No more than five (5) individuals working on an entry.)

Entry Category (please circle only one per entry form)

Adult (18 and older)

Teen (13-17)

Youth (9-12)

Child (5-8)

Entrant name:

(Mr./Mrs./Ms.) (First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Mailing address:

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Phone: () -

E-mail address:

I understand that to be eligible for the competition; I must agree to the following as indicated by my signature below:

- 1). I must return my entry form by mail or fax no later than Friday, November 6, 2009.
- 2). I must deliver my completed entry to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa on either Sunday, November 15, 2009, between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., or on Monday, November 16, 2009, between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
- 3). I must follow all of the Rules and Procedures set forth by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa.
- 4). My entry will remain on display during The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's holiday season.
- 5). I must pick up my entry between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010, and Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Entries not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2010. No exceptions.
- 6). Permission is hereby granted to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of my entry and/or myself with my entry for either internal or external release, this includes print and online publications, plus local and network television. I understand that the image of my entry becomes the property of The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa. Permission is also granted to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the resort's property. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all of the Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at the hotel, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any information which is submitted on this entry form.

Signature of Entrant:

Date:

If the entrant(s) is/are participating in the Teen, Youth or Child categories please complete the section below.

I affirm that the entrant listed above is _____ years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

Entrant date of birth (required for Teen, Youth and Child Entrants):

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

Date:

Entry form must be received by Friday, November 6, 2009. Forms should be sent to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804 with Attn: Special Events or faxed to (828) 252-6040, Attn: Special Events For further details, contact the Special Events Department at (800) 438-0050 or (828) 252-2711, Ext. 8045.