

# 16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION & DISPLAY

THE GROVE PARK INN RESORT & SPA  
NOVEMBER 17, 2008

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday, November 16

12-7 p.m. The 2008 National Gingerbread House Competition & Display begins with **CHECK-IN**. - Grand Ballroom Pre-function

### Monday, November 17

7-9 a.m. **CHECK-IN and DROP-OFF** continues. - Grand Ballroom Pre-function

10-11 a.m. **JUDGING BEGINS**, open to the public - Grand Ballroom

12 p.m. **JUDGING CONTINUES**, closed to the public - Grand Ballroom

4:30 p.m. Doors open for Awards Ceremony - Grand Ballroom

5-6 p.m. **AWARDS CEREMONY**, open to the public - Grand Ballroom

### Wednesday, November 19, 2008-Sunday, January 11, 2009

Take a moment to view the 16th Annual National Gingerbread House Competition & Display entries throughout The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, beginning on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, and concluding on Saturday, January 11, 2009. Non-Resort guests may view the display on Monday through Thursdays only.

### Gingerbread Hotline

Detailed information regarding the 2008 National Gingerbread House Competition is available on our Gingerbread Hotline at Extension #1522.

**Event Schedule and Entertainment are subject to change.**

**Come and have tons of fun at KID'S CAMP.**

We offer a Friday evening program and Saturday day and evening programs. For more information or to make reservations contact the Sports Complex at ext. 1046. We'll see you there!

### Western North Carolina Excursions...

Landmark Destinations, Historical Sites, Educational Nature Destinations, Rafting, Horseback Riding, Guided Hiking, Biking, Sportsman Adventures, Walking / Hiking, Mountain Train Rides, Area Shopping, A Copious Array of Museums and Art Galleries, are all here in our area for your enjoyment. **Check with our Concierge at the Concierge Desk in our Great Hall or at ext. 7005 for details, directions and reservations.**

For reservations call:

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa  
(800) 438-5800 or (828) 252-2711  
Or visit us online at [www.groveparkinn.com](http://www.groveparkinn.com)



Revised as of July 23, 2008

For a copy of the 2008 Entry Form, please download the form at  
[http://www.groveparkinn.com/Leisure/Happenings/Fall\\_2/National\\_Gingerbread\\_House\\_Competition\\_Display\\_8/](http://www.groveparkinn.com/Leisure/Happenings/Fall_2/National_Gingerbread_House_Competition_Display_8/).

# THE 2008 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 2008 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 Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. 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 7, 2008, or postmarked by Friday, November 7, 2008. 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 confirmation.

Only one Gingerbread House per entry form is permitted and individuals may have only one entry in each category for which they are eligible to compete.

The 2008 National Gingerbread House Competition & Display 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 intake, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in conjunction with the minor's signature.

Group/Team Entries – Group or Team Entries are allowed for entry under the following guidelines. Please complete one entry form for the team while including the team captain's contact information on the entry form. A separate typed list of each team members' first and last name along with age should be included with the team entry form. A signature from a parent or legal guardian will still be required for each team member under the age of 18. In the case of school groups entering the competition, the classroom teacher should be listed as the team captain and provide his/her contact information. In the event a Group/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 to determine. A Group or Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry,

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

### CATEGORIES and PRIZES

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa will award prizes in the following four categories for first through fourth place. Separate ribbons will be awarded to each of the Top Ten Winners in each of the four categories.

Adult Category - 1st Place will receive \$1,000 Cash Prize, a one-night Mountain View stay and breakfast for two, Ribbon

Adult Category - 2nd Place will receive \$500 Cash Prize, a one-night Mountain View stay and breakfast for two, Ribbon

Adult Category - 3rd Place will receive \$350 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Adult Category - 4th Place will receive \$200 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Teen Category - 1st Place will receive \$500 Cash Prize, one-night Mountain View stay, dinner and breakfast for two, Ribbon

Teen Category - 2nd Place will receive \$300 Cash Prize and dinner for four at The Blue Ridge Dining Room, Ribbon

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

Teen Category - 4th Place will receive \$100 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Youth Category - 1st Place will receive \$250 Cash Prize, one-night Mountain View stay, dinner and breakfast for two, Ribbon

Youth Category - 2nd Place will receive \$150 Cash Prize and dinner for four at The Blue Ridge Dining Room, Ribbon

Youth Category - 3rd Place will receive \$100 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Youth Category - 4th Place will receive \$50 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Child Category - 1st Place will receive \$75 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Child Category – 2nd Place will receive \$50 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Child Category – 3rd Place will receive \$25 Cash Prize, Ribbon

Child Category – 4th Place will receive Ribbon

Grand Prize Winner - Cash Prize of \$3,000, Two-night Club Floor stay at The Grove Park Inn, dinner for two and daily breakfast for two, Ribbon

#### SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION, and DESCRIPTION:

Not to exceed 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. Gingerbread house 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.

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

Please include with your gingerbread house a typed one-page description of your entry. Include any unique features about your gingerbread house and materials used in the construction process. The top of your sheet should have the name of your gingerbread house and your entry number. Please DO NOT include your name in the name of your gingerbread house. Doing so will disqualify you from the competition.

#### JUDGING PROCESSES and CRITERIA:

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 categories will award places first through fourth. The top ten competitors in all categories will be awarded a ribbon.

Public judging will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008, at 10 a.m.-12 p.m. A Formal Awards Ceremony at 5 p.m.; all winners will be announced at that time.

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, DESIGN 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 height 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 house. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials (such as lollipop sticks).

All entries must be solely constructed by the individual entering the competition. Teen, Youth and Child competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent or guardian. However all gingerbread house design, construction, and decoration must be done solely by the individual entering the competition.

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

#### ENTRY INTAKE, DISPLAY INFORMATION, and ENTRY PICK-UP:

Completed entries must be delivered to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's Grand Ballroom on either Sunday, November 16, 2008, between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m., or on Monday, November 17, 2008, between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The Grand Ballroom is located on Level 8 (eight) of the Vanderbilt Wing.

The Resort's Bus Parking Area will be the drop-off point. Vehicles will be allowed ten minutes for unloading entries. Carts for transporting gingerbread houses 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 are not permitted to assist in the direct transportation of any gingerbread house entry.

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 19, 2008, and ending Sunday, January 11, 2009. Houses may be picked-up only between January 12 and January 13, 2009. Houses not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 14, 2009. No exceptions.

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 8601. 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.

# THE 16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION & DISPLAY

## 2008 Entry Form

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_ (assigned by GPI)

**Entry Category** (please circle only one per entry form)

Adult (18 and older)    Teen (13-17)    Youth (9-12)    Child (8 and under)

Teen, Youth and Child competitors may be supervised with baking, for safety precautions, by a parent or guardian. However, all gingerbread house construction, design and decoration must be done by the individual(s) entering the competition.

(Group or Team Entries should only include the Group/Team Captain's information. A secondary list of each Group/Team Members' name should be included along with date of birth and signature from a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old. A Group or Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry.)

**Please print the following information.**

**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 7, 2008. Entry forms received after this date will be admitted as space permits.
- 2). I must deliver my completed gingerbread house to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa on either Sunday, November 16, 2008, between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m., or on Monday, November 17, 2008, between 7 a.m. and 9 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 Monday, January 12, 2009, and Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Houses not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 14, 2009. 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 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 7, 2008. 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) 253-7053, Attn: Special Events  
For further details, call (800) 438-0050 or (828) 252-2711, Ext. 8045