



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST GUIDELINES

DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each house will have a display area that measures 30"x30". You may construct the house on a piece of plywood or other transportable surface. If you would like to construct a display for exposition only, you may go over the allotted space, but please contact Coletta Smith at cosmith@missionhills.org so that we have a space for you.
2. Anything that is visible must be edible. You can use other materials (Styrofoam, hot glue, etc) to add support underneath the gingerbread, but it must not be visible.
3. Your display may be either homemade or from a kit.
4. You may use electricity but you need to indicate this on the registration form.
5. Deadline to register a house is Sunday, December 1 at 5 PM.

PRIZES:

- Best of Show - \$100 Amazon gift card
- People's Choice - \$100 Amazon gift card
- Division Awards - given to winners in each division
 - 1st Prize - \$50
 - 2nd Prize - \$30
 - 3rd Prize - \$15

DISPLAY SETUP:

All houses need to be dropped off at Mission Hills Church on **Thursday, December 5 from 2 - 7 PM**. We will have carts and helpers there to assist you in getting your display in, safe and sound. We will be arranging them throughout the Lobby for guests to enjoy at the event that begins on Friday at 5 PM.

DISPLAY PICKUP:

All house displays must be picked up on **Saturday, December 7 at 12:30 PM**, following the contest awards at 11 AM. Because the Lobby will be reset for our evening worship service, all displays left after this time will be disposed of.

CONTEST DIVISIONS:

- Kids (elementary/ages 5-12)
- Teen (13-17)
- Adult (18 and over)
- Family (adult and children, this division allows toddlers and preschoolers to participate)
- Food Service Professional (any pastry chefs, cake decorators, etc)

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Overall Appearance
- Detail of Decoration (Precision, Neatness, Skill of Execution)
- Creativity (use of different edible materials, design, originality)
- Difficulty