



2017 Gingerbread House Contest

General Information

ENTRY FORMS

There is no fee to enter. The deadline for submitting your completed entry form is **Wednesday, November 16th at 5pm**. Each individual or team may enter only one gingerbread creation per category. Please complete one form per entry.

Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of completed forms and competitors will receive an email verifying acceptance into the 2017 contest no later than Friday, November 18th.

Entry forms can be submitted:

- Print and complete form on our website: www.LightUpBlueRidge.info
- Mail to PO Box 1181, Blue Ridge, GA 30513 (must be received by Nov 17th) or
 - o Email to Pam Fink at pam@lgwebconsulting.com

ENTRY DROP-OFF

Completed entries must be brought to The Arts Center on Tuesday November 21, 2017 between 3:00 and 5:00. Only pre-registered entries will be allowed and no entries will be accepted after 6pm. Light Up Blue Ridge reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. Entries will remain on display from November 21, 2017 through December 17, 2017. Any entries removed before December 17th will forfeit eligibility to win prizes and to enter contest in coming years.

JUDGING

Entries will be judged on Friday morning of Blue Friday, November 24, 2017. Entries will be judged on a scale of 1-5 based on:

- Overall Appearance

- Originality & Creativity
- Difficulty of Design & Execution
- Holiday Spirit

In the event of a tie, the Gingerbread House Committee will determine the winner based on the above criteria. In all categories, any decorative elements that are handmade will carry more weight than similar prefabricated store bought items.

Winners will be revealed at the opening of the exhibit on Friday, November 24th at noon. Prizes will be displayed beside the winners of each category until the end of the exhibit on Thursday December 17, 2017. If we must make major repairs prior to judging or is house does not meet guidelines, it will not be eligible for an award.

The most coveted award is the “People’s Choice Award” that will be awarded at the end of the exhibit on Thursday December 17th. This award is earned from the visitors votes who come to see the exhibit and vote on their favorite house. Ballots will be located on site where visitors will vote and submit their ballot to Santa’s Mailbox. Our elves will collect the ballots daily to tally the results.

DISPLAY

Every effort will be made to display each entry to their best advantage. Due to limitations of our display areas, detailed interiors or backs of houses may not be visible during display. However, all sides of the house will be judged and should be given full decorative attention. All houses will be on display on this schedule:

November 24, 2017 through December 17, 2017.

Tuesday thru Sunday - 10:00am to 5:00pm, closed Mondays

The Gingerbread House Committee reserves the right to remove any house before December 17th due to deterioration. Light Up Blue Ridge reserves the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes without credit or compensation.

ENTRY PICK-UP

All entries must be picked up on the afternoon of December 17, 2017 between 12:00 and 5:00 PM. If you do not plan to pick-up your house after the exhibit closes, please let us know when it is dropped off. Any houses not retrieved by 5:00pm on December 17th will become the property of Light Up Blue Ridge and will be discarded.

CANCELATION POLICY

We understand that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. If you are no longer able to compete after your entry form has been submitted, please notify Pam Fink, 706-258-2432 or pam@lgwebconsulting.com