

RiverMill Event Centre
Presents
**The 2009 Gingerbread Jubilee
Gingerbread House Competition**
Benefiting Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center

Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by the RiverMill Event Centre and Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center for the purpose of the 2009 Gingerbread Jubilee Gingerbread House Competition. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, contact Jennifer Joyner at 706-660-6548.

All entries become the property of Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center. Gingerbread Houses entered in the competition will be part of a silent auction and all funds raised will directly benefit Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center.

ENTERING AND QUALIFYING TO ENTER:

The competition is open to everyone.

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 13, 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 email with entry number confirming their entry into the 2009 competition.

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

The 2009 Gingerbread Jubilee Gingerbread House Competition Entry Form must be signed by the individual or individual representing the entry entering the competition. If the individual is younger than the age of eighteen (18) by the date of 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. *Please list the School and Classroom on the entry form.* For School Category ONLY: children in the classroom DO NOT need to be listed separately as mentioned for Team Information below or have a signature of a parent or legal guardian.
- 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. (Not required for School Category entries.)
- In the event a team Entry places in the competition, the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution of splitting of any prize, ribbon, or plaque will be left to the team captain to determine. Prizes awarded to winning entries in the School Competition will be made directly to the school.
- 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. Schools submitting entries are exempt but are limited to classroom entries only.

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

The RiverMill Event Centre and Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center reserve the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The RiverMill Event Centre and Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center understand that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. In the event you are no longer able to compete, please inform Jennifer Joyner at 706-660-6548.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

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

- Each entry, with the exception of the School Category, is limited to no more than five (5) individuals.
- Individuals younger than eighteen (18) years of age may enter the amateur category but must have the signature on the entry form of a parent or legal guardian to participate.

The following categories are open for entry in the 2009 Gingerbread Jubilee Gingerbread House Competition. All fees and proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center

- Corporate Category – Individuals or teams representing a business or corporation (entrant must be eighteen (18) years of age and older) Cost per entry is a \$75 donation. For a \$100, your company's name can be placed on the back of the Gingerbread Jubilee t-shirt.
- Professional Category – Individuals eighteen (18) years of age that work in a professional capacity in a bakery, restaurant or from their home that sell baked goods. Cost per entry is \$50 donation.
- Amateur Category – Individuals entering as a Single entrant or a Team. If there are any individuals entering that are under the age of eighteen (18) years of age a signature from a parent or legal guardian. An amateur is classified as a "non-professional" and does not sell their baked goods or services to others. Cost per entry is a \$25 donation.
- School Category – Individuals or a team representing a class or entire school. Individuals and teams in the School category must be submitted by a teacher or school official as the Team Captain. On the entry form, please list the School Name and Classroom. See team information for the remainder instructions. There is no cost for entries.
- (Celebrity Category is a special group that has been specifically asked to participate. No cash awards will be given.)

PLACING AND PRIZES

Gingerbread Jubilee will award one entry from each of the five categories as Category Winner from the Competition.

Corporate Category Winner – Gingerbread Jubilee Corporate Winner Ribbon and an Office Pizza Party for 50

Corporate Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Corporate 2nd Place Ribbon

Corporate Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Corporate 3rd Place Ribbon

Professional Category Winner - Gingerbread Jubilee Professional Winner Ribbon and \$500

Professional Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Professional 2nd Place Ribbon

Professional Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Professional 3rd Place Ribbon

Amateur Category Winner - Gingerbread Jubilee Amateur Winner Ribbon and \$250

Amateur Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Amateur 2nd Place Ribbon

Amateur Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Amateur 3rd Place Ribbon

School Category Winner - Gingerbread Jubilee School Winner Ribbon

School Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee School 2nd Place Ribbon

School Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee School 3rd Place Ribbon

Celebrity Category Winner - Gingerbread Jubilee Celebrity Winner Ribbon

Celebrity Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Celebrity 2nd Place Ribbon

Celebrity Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Celebrity 3rd Place Ribbon

PUBLIC CHOICE AWARDS

Entries in the School Category and the Celebrity Category will also be part of Public Choice Award. The public is invited to "vote" for their favorite choice by giving a \$1 donation for each vote. The entries in each of these categories with the most votes will win the PUBLIC CHOICE AWARD and will win the following:

School Category Winner - Gingerbread Jubilee School Public Choice Winner Ribbon and \$250 to the winning School

School Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee School Public Choice Winner 2nd Place Ribbon and \$100 to the winning School

School Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee School Public Choice Winner 3rd Place Ribbon and \$50 to the winning School

Celebrity Category Winner - Gingerbread Jubilee Celebrity Public Choice Winner Ribbon

Celebrity Category 2nd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Celebrity Public Choice 2nd Place Ribbon

Celebrity Category 3rd Place - Gingerbread Jubilee Celebrity Public Choice 3rd Place Ribbon

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 1/2" or 3/4" 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.

JUDGING PROCESS AND JUDGING CRITERIA:

Public judging will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A Formal Awards Ceremony will be held at 3:00 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 RiverMill Event Centre or Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center.

RiverMill Event Centre and Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center reserve 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 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 entering the competition. Individuals and team members under the age of eighteen (18) 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: School Competition Team Members require assistance with operating the oven and/or stovetop.)

DESIGN:

Entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 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 in a contest.

ENTRY IN-TAKE:

Completed entries must be delivered to the RiverMill Event Center on Saturday, November 21, 2009 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Some categories have a donation fee to enter. This fee is due at time of In-Take.

Entry In-take will proceed in the following order.

- In-take tables and registration will be divided by category where an official photograph will be taken at that time.
- Entry placement is predetermined by entry number and will be placed after registration and photograph.

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DISPLAY INFORMATION

Entries will be on display at the RiverMill Event Centre during the Gingerbread Jubilee on Sunday, November 22 and Monday, November 23, 2009. By entering, you are giving permission to use entry for publicity purposes.

The 2009 Gingerbread Jubilee Gingerbread House Competition

2009 Entry Form

Entry # _____ (assigned by Gingerbread Jubilee)

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 the 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 are allowed to work on a single entry. Schools submitting entries are exempt but are limited to classroom entries only. School entries do not need to include a list of students in the classroom OR need signature from parent or legal guardian.)

Entry Category (please circle one per entry form)

Corporate - \$75 OR \$100 (t-shirt inclusion) **Professional - \$50** **Amateur - \$25** **School** **Celebrity**

Entrant Name: _____
(Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing address: _____

(City) (State) (ZIP)

Phone: _____ **Email address:** _____

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

1. My entry or team entry becomes the property of Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center for the purpose of raising funds benefiting Children's Miracle Network.
2. I must return my entry form by mail or fax no later than Friday, November 13, 2009.
3. I must deliver my completed entry to the RiverMill Event Center on Saturday, November 21, 2009 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
4. I must follow all of the Rules and Procedures set forth by Gingerbread Jubilee.
5. My entry will remain on display during Gingerbread Jubilee.
6. If my entry is not claimed during the Silent Auction, I must pick my entry on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. I will be notified Monday evening if I am to pick up my entry by the phone number I have provided on this entry. Entries not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, November 24, 2009. No exceptions.
7. Permission is hereby granted to Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center, RiverMill Event Centre and Gingerbread Jubilee 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 Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all of the Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center and the RiverMill Event Centre reserve the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at Gingerbread Jubilee, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or 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 is under the age of eighteen (18) and / or entering in the School Category 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 under age entrants and School Competitors): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Entry form must be received by Friday, November 13, 2009. Donation fees are due at In-Take.
Forms should be sent to Children's Miracle Network at The Medical Center.
P.O. Box 790, Columbus, Georgia 31902 with Attn: Gingerbread Jubilee or faxed to (706) 660-6219, Attn: Gingerbread Jubilee
For further details, contact Jennifer Joyner at (706) 660-6548.