

Simsbury Celebrates! Gingerbread House Competition 2011

Boy Scout Hall

Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee for the purpose of the 2011 Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, contact Julie Williams, Co-Chairperson: Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition, 860-651-9425 or email: jpomainville@sbcglobal.net.

ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

The Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

The competition is open to all individuals and businesses. To be eligible for the competition, a completed entry form (signed and fee included) must be received by mail and postmarked no later than November 14, 2011.

Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of the completed entry form. Competitors will receive a confirmation letter with an entry number.

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 2011 Simsbury Celebrates 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 & Family entries are allowed for entry under the following guidelines: Please complete one entry form for the grouping while including the team captain's contact information on the entry form. A list of each groupings member's first and last name, along with age, should be included. A signature from a parent or legal guardian will still be required for each member under the age of 18. In the case of school/church/business/club groups entering the competition, one person should be listed as the team captain and provide his/her contact information. In the event a Group/Team/Family entry places in the competition, the captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prize, ribbon, or plaque will be left to the grouping to determine. A Group or Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry. A Family is obviously related individuals.

All entries are the property of the individual, unless noted on the entry form that they wish to donate them to The Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee. Those entries that are donated will be up for "a chance to win" by way of a tea cup auction during the display period of Simsbury Celebrates. Winners of the tea cup auction will be drawn the evening of November 26th.

Due to space, only 65 entries will be accepted into the competition.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

The Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee will award prizes in the following five categories for first prize. Separate ribbons will be awarded to each of the top three winners of each of the five categories.

Professional Category: This category is for display only.

Adult Category: 1st place will receive \$25 Cash Prize

Teen Category: 1st place will receive \$25 Cash Prize

Youth Category: 1st place will receive \$25 Cash Prize

Family 1st place will receive \$25 Cash Prize

Group/Team 1st place will receive \$25 Cash Prize

SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION and DESCRIPTION:

Ginger Bread House entries must be submitted on a board base. We suggest using a ½ or ¾ inch plywood. Entries, in combination with the base, must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. Anything exceeding these measurements will be disqualified.

Write your name, address, and entry number on the underside of your base. Please include in that area your gingerbread house 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 PROCESS and CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme. The theme should be the competitors own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no required theme for the competition – it is not required to be holiday related. All categories will be awarded places first through third. The top three competitors in all categories will be awarded a ribbon.

Judging will be held Sunday, November 20, 2011. A small reception will be held after the judging for entrants and guests and the winners will be posted on the houses at that time. Winners will also be announced the evening of Simsbury Celebrates on November 26, 2011.

*** All houses must be constructed of 100% edible materials.** Bases may be of, and covered with, non-food related material.

POST COMPETITION:

The entry remains on display through the Simsbury Celebrates event and should be **picked up Sunday, November 27, 2011 between 12-2 PM unless checked off on the entry form that it has been donated to the committee.**

Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee has soul permission to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of the entry and/or the entrant with the entry for either internal or external release; this includes print and online publications as well as local television. It is understood that the image of the entry becomes property of Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee.