

2019 VIRGINIA GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charlottesville ("RMHC-C") invites you to join in a wonderful Charlottesville holiday tradition - the **Virginia Gingerbread Christmas Gingerbread House Competition!** This year's theme is "**Christmas Around the World**". We want participants to use their creativity to design structures that reflect a Christmas tradition from their own cultural heritage or a tradition they admire. All entries will be on display December 8th – 11th (display times vary) at the beautiful Omni Hotel in the heart of Downtown Charlottesville.



CONTEST ENTRIES

The Gingerbread House Competition is open to anyone who would like to enter. To be eligible for the competition a signed and completed Entry Form must be received by RMHC-C no later than Monday, December 2, 2019. Entry Forms may be **mailed** to RMH (300 9th St., SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903), **faxed** (434.295.7735), **emailed** (info@rmhcharlottesville.org), or **dropped** off at the House. If you do not mail or deliver your entry fee along with the form, your entry fee will be due at the time the entry is delivered to the Omni for the competition. Gingerbread entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted for display.

CATEGORIES

Gingerbread entries will be divided into two major divisions: Individual and Team. There will be categories within these two divisions. The categories for competition are as follows: **Individual Division:** Amateur Adult (age 18+), Teen (ages 13-17), Youth (ages 9-12), and Child (ages 4-8). **Team Division:** Professional Chef/Baker, Business Team, Family, and Group/Organization (i.e. Scout Troops, school/church groups). A Team is defined as two or more individuals working on a single entry.

ENTRY FEES

Individual Division: \$10

Team Division: \$15

CONSTRUCTION and DISPLAY GUIDELINES:

- Each structure must contain gingerbread.
- Each structure **must** be created on a sturdy, stable base no larger than **2x2** feet, unless pre-approved by the RMHC-C.
- Structures must be made entirely of edible products with the exception of the base and battery operated lights.
- No artificial display materials such as Styrofoam, cardboard, or plastic are allowed for construction or display. However, structures **may be** illuminated with battery operated lights (no electricity).
- Entries are not limited to a "house" structure only. Other unique structures are welcomed – castles, office buildings, stores, campers, boats, etc.
- Contestants are encouraged to write a bit of information regarding their creation – country of the tradition, its significance, etc. - for display next to their gingerbread entry.

JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA

Judging will be held by Tuesday, December 10th, 2019. Winners' ribbons will be placed on the entries by Tuesday evening, December 10th, at 7 pm. Entries will be judged on the basis of appearance, originality, creativity, difficulty, and precision. Each of these qualities will be graded on a scale from 1-5 by the judges. The entry in each category with the highest points will win first place for that category.

HOUSE DROP OFF & REMOVAL

Completed gingerbread entries **must** be delivered to the Omni Hotel during one of these 2 dates/times: Friday, December 6th, between 10 am and 6 pm, or Saturday, December 7th, between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Public display of the entries will begin on Sunday, December 8th at 4 pm, and may not be removed until after close of the display on Wednesday, December 11th, at 2 pm. (Hours for viewing vary each day, so please check the schedule.) However, entries **MUST** be picked up by 5 pm on December 11th, unless they have been sold through the Silent Auction.

Virginia Gingerbread Christmas Entry Form



To enter the Virginia Gingerbread Christmas House Competition submit this Entry Form and Fee to: RMHC-C, 300 9th St. SW, Charlottesville, VA 22903 **by Monday, December 2, 2019**. Your gingerbread creation will not be needed until Dec. 6th or Dec. 7th, when it must be delivered to the Omni Hotel (see previous paragraph). No late entries accepted. One Entry Form per submission. Please make checks payable to RMH of Charlottesville.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address (required): _____

DIVISION/CATEGORY (Select One)

Individual Division: (\$10):

- Adult Amateur (18 years+) Teen (13-17) Youth (9-12) Child (4-8)

Team Division (\$15):

- Professional Chef/Baker Business Family Group/Organization

Name of Business/Organization and/or Participants, including ages if under 18 (Team Entries Only):

Gingerbread House Title: _____

Would you like to donate your entry to the Gingerbread House Silent Auction? Proceeds from the auction will benefit RMHC-C (circle one) YES /NO
