

**Christmas in the Bend**  
**Gingerbread House Competition 2025**

**Friday- Saturday, December 5-6**

**St. John's UMC, Wendt Hall - Friday 6-9pm, Saturday 10am-2pm**

**2025 Registration Form**

**Guidelines**

1. **Design** - Structures may be realistic or imaginary, able to withstand hours of display. **All visible pieces must be edible.** (eg. savory or sweet items may be used; candies, pretzels, vegetables, dried fruit etc.) The **interior structure may be made of non-edible material** as long as it isn't visible.. (Eg. milk or juice cartons etc.)
2. **Categories:**
  - **Children - 3rd-5th**
  - **Children - 6th-8th**
  - **Adult - 9th & Up**
3. **Design & Size Parameters -**
  - In each category the Gingerbread Committee will accept; **individual entries, group entries and a village display** ie. more than one structure built on a single base.
  - Your gingerbread house or houses must be on a solid base no larger than **18 x 24 inches** and no taller than **18 inches**.  
(Suggested base materials; cookie sheet, sturdy cardboard, canvas panel or plywood)
4. **Judging Criteria** - Please see the judging criteria on a separate sheet attached.
5. **Registration cut-off date** - All registrations must be submitted by **midnight, Wednesday, December 3**
6. **Submitting Forms**
  - a. Email - [stephwheatley60@gmail.com](mailto:stephwheatley60@gmail.com)
  - b. or text: - 281-202-8410
7. **Gingerbread House drop-off** - 5-6 pm on Friday, December 5, at St. John's United Methodist Church (Wendt Hall)
8. **Gingerbread House pick-up** - 3-4 pm Saturday, December 6, at St. John's UMC (Wendt Hall)  
**Please note: Gingerbread Houses not picked up by 4pm on Saturday, Dec 6 will be forfeited. Unfortunately there can be no exceptions)**

**JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING FRIDAY'S EVENT, DECEMBER 5.**  
**EXCEPT PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WHICH WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SATURDAY 2:00 pm**  
**WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE AND A KEEPSAKE**  
**GINGERBREAD ORNAMENT**

Please contact Stephanie Wheatley [stephwheatley60@gmail.com](mailto:stephwheatley60@gmail.com) or 281-202-8410  
if you have any questions.

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## JUDGING - AWARDS

1. **3rd-5th** -1st, 2nd & 3rd   2. **6th-8th** -1st, 2nd & 3rd   3. **Adult 9th & Up** - 1st, 2nd & 3rd  
 4. **Judges Choice**   5. **\*Peoples' Choice - Awarded on Saturday**

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Judges will take the following criteria into consideration and will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd  
 in each category:-

**Overall Appearance** - neat, good proportions, attractive **Originality/Creativity** - use of edible materials, originality **Workmanship/Technique** - all visible materials are edible, structure is securely made, decorations are securely attached **Wow Factor!**

|    | Award Groups  | Gingerbread House # |
|----|---|---------------------|
| 1. | 3rd-5th   | 1st                 |
|    |   | 2nd                 |
|    |   | 3rd                 |
| 2. | 6th-8th   | 1st                 |
|    |   | 2nd                 |
|    |   | 3rd                 |
| 3. | ADULT 9th & Up  | 1st                 |
|    |   | 2nd                 |
|    |   | 3rd                 |
| 6. | JUDGES' CHOICE - Select 1 only                              |                     |
| 7. | *PEOPLE'S CHOICE<br>Most tickets wins - awarded on Saturday |                     |

**Note to Judges: Please award 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category by writing the entry number in each box. Also, please select your pick for Judges Choice. Thank you**

## Gingerbread House Competition Entry Form 2025

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|--------------|----------------|------|
| Name:        |                |      |
| Address:     |                |      |
| City:        | State:         | Zip: |
| Contact no.: | email address: |      |

### Categories:

- *Single House*

1. Child: 3rd-5th grade ☐
2. Child: 6th-8th grade ☐
3. Adult: 9th grade & up ☐

### Media Release:

Competition entry constitutes participant's consent to use their name and photographs of all entries for editorial advertising and publicity purposes. By signing this entry form, I understand and agree to all the rules of this competition.

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**Signature: (Parent or guardian if under 18)\***

**Date**

*\*For school entries the teacher may sign on behalf of their students.*