

# THE 2011 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION™

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**The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa**  
*Asheville, North Carolina*

## Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department for the purpose of the 2011 National Gingerbread House Competition™. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, contact the Special Events Department at (800) 438-0050, Extension 4094.

### ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

To be eligible for the competition, a signed and completed entry form, description and/or photos must be received by fax or mail prior to 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011. 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 e-mail with entry number confirming their entry into the 2011 competition. Competitors are asked to complete a Federal W-9 Tax Form to be returned at the time of Check-In. Only the Federal W-9 Tax Forms associated with winning entries will be kept on file; all others will be shredded. One (1) entry per entry form is permitted. The 2011 National Gingerbread House Competition™ 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, 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 includes only 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. Only the team captain should return a completed Federal W-9 Tax Form at the time of Check-In.
- A separate typed list of each team member's 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.
- In the event a Team Entry places in the competition, the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prize or ribbon will be left to the team captain to determine.
- If individuals working on a single entry are of different ages and would be in different categories independently, enter these individuals in the appropriate category for the oldest individual in the group.
- Individuals eighteen (18) years of age but still enrolled in high school may compete in the Teen Category as a member of a Team Entry.

Due to space, only a limited number of entries will be accepted into the competition. The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

The Special Events Department at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa understands that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. In the event you are no longer able to compete, please inform The Special Events Department at (800) 438-0050, Extension 4094.

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following categories are open for entry into the 2011 National Gingerbread House Competition™ at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa.

- **Adult Category** - Individuals eighteen (18) years of age and older entering as a single entrant or a team.
- **Teen Category** - Individuals between thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) years of age entering as a single entrant or a team.
- **Youth Category** - Individuals between nine (9) and twelve (12) years of age entering as a single entrant or a team.
- **Child Category** - Individuals between five (5) and eight (8) years of age entering as a single entrant or a team.

## PLACING and PRIZES

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa will award one adult entry from the competition the title of Grand Prize.

- **Grand Prize Adult Winner** - \$3,000 prize check, a two-night Club Floor stay at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, dinner for two, daily breakfast for two, a Prize Package from Chef Nicholas Lodge including a two-day class at the Nicholas Lodge School in Atlanta, GA, and a ribbon (Total value of \$5,500).
- **Adult Category – 2nd Place** \$1,200 prize check, a two-night Mountain View stay at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa including daily breakfast for two, dinner for two, two Spa Day Passes, and a ribbon
- **Adult Category - 3rd Place** \$650 prize check, a one-night Mountain View stay at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa including breakfast and dinner for two, and a ribbon.
- **Teen Category - 1st Place** \$500 prize check, dinner for four at The Grove Park Inn restaurant of your choice, and a ribbon.
- **Teen Category - 2nd Place** \$300 prize check and a ribbon.
- **Teen Category - 3rd Place** \$200 prize check and a ribbon.
- **Youth Category - 1st Place** \$250 prize check, dinner for four at The Grove Park Inn restaurant of your choice and a ribbon.
- **Youth Category - 2nd Place** \$150 prize check, dinner for four at The Blue Ridge Dining Room, and a ribbon.
- **Youth Category - 3rd Place** \$100 prize check and a ribbon.
- **Child Category - 1st Place** \$75 prize check, dinner for four at The Grove Park Inn restaurant of your choice, and a ribbon.
- **Child Category - 2nd Place** \$50 prize check and a ribbon.
- **Child Category - 3rd Place** \$25 prize check and a ribbon.

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa will also award the following winners with a ribbon:

- **Top Ten Winners in the Adult Category.**
- **Top Ten Winners in the Teen Category.**
- **Top Ten Winners in the Youth Category.**
- **Top Ten Winners in the Child Category.**

### DESIGN:

Although The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's holiday competition is titled 'The National Gingerbread House Competition™', entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 2011 competition, as long as the entry is in keeping with the competition Rules and Procedures and the five (5) Judging Criteria. The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

### SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION, and DESCRIPTION:

Not to exceed 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. Entry must be placed on a board base. We suggest using ½" or ¾" 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 bases 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. Use of pegs or risers on bottom of base is preferred but not required. Include with your gingerbread entry form a typed description of your entry that lists features about your gingerbread entry and materials used in the construction process. The top of your sheet should have the name of your gingerbread entry and your entry number. Please DO NOT include your name in the name of your gingerbread entry; doing so will disqualify you from the competition. The description will be used for entries traveling for publicity purposes and for display purposes; the judges will read entry descriptions if requested by the Call Judge. Up to three photos of your process may be included but are not required.

### MATERIALS and CONSTRUCTION:

Except for the base, entries must be constructed and composed completely of edible materials. The main structure should be constructed of **at least 75% gingerbread**, some of which should be exposed. Edible materials are **not** limited to candies and icings. Use of gum paste, fondant, pastillage, chocolate, modeling chocolate, royal icing, Isomalt, cast sugar, gelatin, and pressed sugar is encouraged. Any entry with non-edible components will be automatically disqualified. 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. Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved (and encouraged) to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base only (not to exceed the length and/or width of the base). All entries must be solely constructed by the individual entering the competition. Teen, Youth and Child competitors 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: When Teen, Youth, or Child competitors require assistance with operating the oven and/or stovetop.)

### JUDGING PROCESS and JUDGING CRITERIA:

Judging will be held on **Monday, November 14, 2011**. *An Awards Ceremony will be held at approximately 5 p.m. on that day.*

Entries will be judged based on five criteria:

- **Overall Appearance**
- **Originality & Creativity**
- **Difficulty**
- **Precision**
- **Consistency of Theme** (Theme should be competitor's 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 Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa staff or affiliates. In the event of a tie, the competition Call Judge will be asked to break the tie. *In the ADULT category only : Decorative elements that are **handmade** will carry more weight than similar **prefabricated** items.* The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa Special Events Department reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

**ENTRY CHECK-IN and ENTRY PICK-UP:**

Completed entries must be delivered to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's Grand Ballroom on either Sunday, November 13, 2011, between 2 and 8 p.m. or on Monday, November 14, 2011, between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The Grand Ballroom is located on Level 8 of the Vanderbilt Wing. Driving Directions: The following is the preferred and easiest route to arrive on property with your gingerbread house: From Charlotte Street, turn left onto Edwin Place (street before Macon Avenue); go through one traffic light; turn right onto Country Club Road; turn right onto Club View Road; stay left on Club View Road; go through stop sign (Vanderbilt Parking Garage is on right); turn right at next stop sign; take next right into parking area; continue up the hill to the Bus Parking Area where a Security Officer will assist you. You must park your vehicle before going through the Check-In process. The Resort's Bus Parking Area will be the drop-off point and unloading area for entries. Vehicles will be allowed a maximum of ten (10) minutes for unloading entries. Carts for transporting gingerbread entries will only be made available at this location and are not permitted to be held in guest rooms. Violators may be disqualified from the competition. Please be aware that Resort Staff is not permitted to assist in the direct transportation of any entry; this is for the safety of the competition entries.

Entry Check-In will proceed in the following order.

- Check-In tables located on Level 7 (ground level) of the Vanderbilt Wing.
- Photography station located on Level 8 (one level up from check-in tables) of the Vanderbilt Wing.
- Entry placement, predetermined by entry number, in the Grand Ballroom on Level 8 of the Vanderbilt Wing.

Entries must be picked-up between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2012, and Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Entries not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

### DISPLAY INFORMATION

Entries will be on display at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, or third-party venue deemed appropriate by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, during the resort's holiday season, beginning Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and ending Sunday, January 1, 2012. Permission is granted to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the resort's property. The Special Events Department takes extra precautions to help ensure the safe transportation of entries traveling for publicity purposes. When making plans to visit the National Gingerbread House Display at The Grove Park Inn, individuals traveling in vehicles larger than an eight-passenger personal vehicle will be required to make parking reservations with the resort's Security Department at extension 1281. Group viewing dates are subject to availability for large vehicle parking, as resort parking is limited. Please also understand that non-resort guest viewing days are limited to Monday through Thursday; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday viewing is reserved strictly for resort guests dining or staying at The Grove Park Inn. Please be aware the Grand Prize entry along with other winning entries may be removed from the National Gingerbread House Display during the resort's holiday season for publicity purposes. Past publicity dates have included the seven days prior to Christmas and the seven (7) days following Christmas. Publicity dates for the 2011 holiday season have not been set at this time.

### ROOM RESERVATIONS

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa offers a discounted room rate to competitors in the 2011 National Gingerbread House Competition™. Information on the discounted room rate and reservation policies for The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa is made available upon receipt of completed entry form. Discounted rooms are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## 2011 Entry Form

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

(assigned by GPI)

**Entry Category** (please circle only one per entry form)

**Adult** (18 and older)

**Teen** (13-17)

**Youth** (9-12)

**Child** (5-8)

*Please print the following information.*

**Participant name:**

(Mr./Mrs./Ms.) (First)

(Middle)

(Last)

**Mailing address:**

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

**Phone:** ( ) -

**E-mail address:**

**Name of Gingerbread Entry (required):**

**Team Name (if applicable):**

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

1. I must return my entry form by mail or fax no later than Monday, November 7, 2011.
2. I must deliver my completed entry to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa on either Sunday, November 13, 2011, between 2 and 8 p.m. or on Monday, November 14, 2011, between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
3. I must follow all of the Rules and Procedures set forth by The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa.
4. My entry will remain on display during The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa's holiday season.
5. I must pick up my entry between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2012, and Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Entries not picked up will be discarded beginning the morning of Wednesday, January 5, 2012.
6. Permission is hereby granted to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa 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 The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa. Permission is also granted to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the resort's property. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all of the Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at the hotel, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to 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 in the Teen, Youth or Child categories please complete the section below.

**Entrant date of birth** (required for Teen, Youth and Child Entrants):

I affirm that the entrant listed above is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:**

**Date:**

Entry form and description must be received by Monday, November 7, 2011. Forms should be sent to The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804. Attn: Special Events or faxed to (828) 252-6040, Attn: Special Events. For further details, contact the Special Events Department at (800) 438-0050 or (828) 252-2711, Ext. 4094.