

The Gingerbread Station at Okotoks Art Gallery

Rules and Regulations

1. There are two categories: Youth ages 0-15, Adults ages 16+.
 - a. Entries must be solely constructed by the entrant. Youth entrants may be supervised for safety reasons, but the individual entering the competition must do the work of constructing the gingerbread house.
 - b. Youth entrants may use a kit to construct their entry.
 - c. Adult entrants may NOT use a kit.
 - d. Group entries (2 or more people) are permitted. If group members are under the age of 18, a signature will be required from the parent/guardian of each member before participation.
 - i. In cases of group entries, a team captain must be designated. The team captain will be the point of contact for OAG staff. In the event a group entry wins a prize, the team captain will be the recipient of all prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prizes will be left to the team captain to determine. Each group member must fill out and submit a signed registration form, with the team captain's name listed.
 - ii. If group members are of different ages that would place them in separate categories independently, the group must enter in the category for the oldest individual in the group (ex. A group with an 18 year old and a 12 year old would enter the Adult category).
2. Entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Structures could be barns, bridges, birdhouses, trains, or any other imaginative structure.
3. Entries must be placed on a board base. ½ inch or ¾ inch plywood is preferred. Metal is also acceptable. Absolutely no cardboard.
4. Base must not exceed 18"x18". Structure must not exceed width or length of base, or 36" high. No decorations or icing should be placed on sides of base.
5. Weight may not exceed 30lbs.
6. All entries must be 100% edible materials. No plastic trees, fake presents, etc.
7. Do not use any icing, toppings or decorations that require refrigeration.
8. Entries must be constructed in 2026.
9. Your structure must have a holiday or whimsical title –i.e. Santa's workshop, Elves at Work, etc. This is how your structure will be identified for voting. **The more unique the title, the easier for voters to remember.**
10. No batteries or electrical components.
11. Entries will only be visible from the front and sides. Details added to the back of the structures will not be seen.
12. Entry forms must be submitted by November 14, 2026.

Entry form: www.okotoks.ca/gingerbread

Enter by November 14th

13. A signature from a parent or guardian will be required for each participant under 18 years of age.
14. All entries must be dropped off at the Okotoks Art Gallery on either Tuesday, November 17, Wednesday, November 18, or Thursday, November 19 between 10:00am and 5:00pm. Alternate drop off days/times may be arranged in some circumstances. Contact gallery staff in advance.
15. Competitors must pick up/remove their entries at the end of the competition. Pick up dates are: Thursday through Saturday, December 17 to 19, or Tuesday, December 22, or Wednesday, December 23 between 10:00am and 5:00pm.
16. Entries will be on public display beginning on November 20, 2026 through December 16, 2026.
17. Public voting will occur beginning November 20 until December 13. The three entries in each category with the most votes will be awarded Voter's Choice prizes. Winners will receive a gift card for a business of their choice in Okotoks.
 - a. Adult category 1st prize: \$100
 - b. Adult category 2nd prize: \$75
 - c. Adult category 3rd prize: \$50
 - d. Youth category 1st prize: \$75
 - e. Youth category 2nd prize: \$50
 - f. Youth category 3rd prize: \$25