



5th Annual

Sugar & Spice

Gingerbread House Competition

Rules and Regulations



**Morganton
Parks
&
Recreation**

- 1. Fill out the entry form and return it to the Collett Street Recreation Center by Tuesday, December 1, by 5:00pm (The Recreation Center is open from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm). To be eligible for the contest, a signed and completed entry form must be received. Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted.**
- 2. All participants must be a resident of Burke County and pay the registration fee of \$10 for an individual entry or \$20 for a group entry.**
- 3. All contest entries must arrive at the Morganton Public Library between 10:00am and 5:30pm on Friday, December 4. You may enter as an individual or as a group (a minimum of 3 or a maximum of 20 people to a group).**
- 4. Entries must remain on display at the Morganton Public Library from Friday, December 4-Friday December 11. All entries must be removed no later than 3:00pm on Friday, December 11. The Morganton Parks and Recreation Department and the Burke County Public Library reserve the right not to exhibit entries deemed inappropriate or that deteriorate.**
- 5. The entire display must be mounted on a base enabling it to be freestanding. The base will be no larger than 24"X24". No decorations (icing or others) may be on the sides of the base. The staff will display the entry number and/or the name of the gingerbread house next to each entry. Electric lighting will NOT be permitted.**
- 6. The entire display except for the base must be made of edible materials. Entries must be constructed mainly of gingerbread and icing, unwrapped candy and other edible materials. Entries can use candies, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, pasta, lollipops with paper or plastic stems, sticks, etc. Styrofoam and other support materials are NOT permitted.**
- 7. The competition is open to ALL Burke County residents. The age categories are as follows:**
 - Individual - Ages 11 & under**
 - Individual - Ages 12-18**
 - Individual - Ages 19 & over**
 - Group (all ages)**

The prizes for each age category excluding group entries will be: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, and 3rd place \$25. A separate prize for group entries will also be awarded. Additional prizes will also be presented for Viewer's Choice.

8. Entries will be judged privately on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00am. Public viewing of the gingerbread houses and voting for Viewer's Choice will be Saturday, December 5 from 12:00pm through Tuesday December 9, until 3:00pm. The Viewer's Choice Award is presented to one entry per age group. There will also be one Viewer's Choice Award presented to a group entry. All winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, December 8 at 5:30pm at Morganton Public Library. All rulings by the judges are final.

9. The Morganton Parks & Recreation Department and the Burke County Public Library reserve the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes.

10. Houses may remain on display through Friday, December 11. Houses not picked up by 3:00pm on Friday, December 11, will be discarded unless other arrangements have been made.

Sugar & Spice Gingerbread House Competition Entry Form

Name(s) (Please print) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please circle appropriate category:

Name of Gingerbread House: _____

11 & under

12-18

19 & over

Group

I understand that any entry must be composed of primarily gingerbread, with edible products only, and it will remain on display at the Morganton Public Library until **Friday, December 11, 2015**. Entry forms and fee(s) must be received by mail, or hand delivered to Collett Street Recreation Center by **Tuesday, December 1 by 5:00pm**. **Fees may be paid in cash, by check, or by credit/debit card. Make checks payable to Morganton Parks & Recreation Department.** Completed entries must be delivered to the Morganton Public Library on **Friday, December 4 between 10:00am and 5:30pm** on a base no larger than 24" X 24". I understand and agree to all the Sugar & Spice Gingerbread Competition Rules. Houses not picked up by **3:00pm on Friday, December 11**, will be discarded unless other arrangements have been made. The Morganton Parks & Recreation Department and The Burke County Public Library have my permission to use images of my entry for advertising and promotional purposes. The Morganton Parks & Recreation Department and The Burke County Public Library reserve the right to not exhibit any house deemed inappropriate and to remove any house in disrepair.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian (for entrants under 18) _____