

Downtown Iowa City's Gingerbread House Competition

Gingerbread Competition Guidelines

To ensure that this event runs smoothly, the Iowa City Downtown District has identified competition rules that should be thoroughly read by all competitors. Should competitors have any questions or need more information, please contact Betsy Potter, Director of Operations, ICDD, at betsy@downtowniowacity.com or [319-354-0863](tel:319-354-0863), or Mary Besler, Special Events Assistant at ICDD, at mary@downtowniowacity.com.

Competitor Prizes

Shift One 12 & Under	Shift Two 12 & Under
Best Overall- \$40	Best Overall-\$40
Most Creative-\$40	Most Creative-\$40

Shift One All Ages (General Admission)	Shift Two All Ages (General Admission)
Best Overall-\$100	Best Overall-\$100
Most Creative-\$80	Most Creative-\$80

There will be two two-hour shifts of the competition with one hour and 30 minutes for creating and decorating. Winners will be announced and receive a prize at the end of each shift. Judges will choose the winners immediately following the hour and 30 minutes of decorating. In the All Ages category, the best overall winner will receive a \$100 Downtown Iowa City gift card and the most creative winner will receive an \$80 Downtown Iowa City gift card. In the 12 & under category, the best overall winner will receive a \$40 Downtown Iowa City gift card and the most creative winner will receive a \$40 Downtown Iowa City gift card as well. Guests will be able to enjoy sipping on specialty holiday drinks, beer, and wine hotelVetro's cash bar.

*Judges' decisions are **final**

Schedule for Competition

12:45 PM: Competition rooms at hotelVetro are open to ticketholders/guests

1:00 PM: 1st Shift Competition starts

1:30 PM: Judges should have arrived by now

*Judging for Best Overall and Most Creative

2:30 PM: 1st Shift decorating ends/Judges begin

3:00 PM: Announce Winners/begin setup for shift 2

5:00 PM: Shift two cocktail hour begins

6:00 PM: Shift two begins

6:30 PM: Judges should have arrived by now

*Judging for Best Overall and Most Creative

7:30 PM: Shift two decorating ends/Judges begin

8:00 PM: Announce winners/Event ends

8:30 PM: Takedown/Cleanup Begins. Doors Close.

Registration

To participate in the competition you must pre-register by purchasing a \$40 ticket and choose what shift and category you would like to participate in. Tickets will be available for purchase online and you can choose to print your ticket or bring email confirmation. A ticket includes entry for parties of up to four people, gingerbread house pieces, supplies to decorate, and boxing so you can take your creation home.

There will be two shifts of the competition and you MUST check-in at the registration table no later than five minutes before the shift you are registered. If you would just like to watch, the event is open to the public. Holiday drinks, beer, and wine will be available at hotelVetro's cash bar.

Gingerbread House Specifications

Size: The gingerbread houses measure as follows: wall pieces are 5.25x4 inches, the front/back gable measure 4x6 inches, and roof pieces measure 4x6 inches. If you are bringing extra edible supplies such as more gingerbread, candy or frosting (these are already provided), houses must not exceed these measurements if you want them to be boxed. Everyone must take their creation with them when they leave.

Base: The base of the house will be provided cardboard so the houses can be transferred to a boxing station. We will box your creation so you are able to take them home.

Materials: Upon arrival, you will be provided with the gingerbread pieces to build the house, a cardboard base, frosting, and different types of candy. You may bring extra supplies from home but the houses MUST be 100% edible. Also, if you want

the complimentary box to take your creation home, the size of the gingerbread house MUST NOT exceed the measurements listed above.

Rule Changes or Event Information:

*In the event of an event information change, competitors will be notified on the website, social media, and by email if they have purchased a ticket.