Gingerbread House Competition

Thank you for registering to participate in the gingerbread house building competition! The contest will challenge departmental teams to use their creativity to embellish and transform an ordinary gingerbread house.

We are asking you to create your masterpiece BEFORE the event, and bring it to the Clark Athletic Center lobby (outside of rink doors) at 9:30 am. Completed gingerbread houses will be displayed throughout the morning (10 – 11 am) and will be judged at 11 am.

RULES:

- We will provide each team with a gingerbread house kit, frosting bags and candy, and also a piece of white foam board (20” x 24”) for your house to sit. Teams should strategize in advance to come up with a creative and resourceful theme and design, using only edible embellishments (candy, cookies, cake, etc...) for the house and its surroundings. No wrappers, tooth pics, or any other non-edible décor or foundations, please! We ask you to be creative, but will reimburse you for up to $10 if needed.

- We are not asking that you keep your theme tied to the university or its surrounding communities, but if you wish to go that route, you can.

Houses will be available for pick up in University Advancement (Healey Library, 11th Floor) on Tuesday, December 3rd between 10am – 4pm. This gives you just over a week for your team to complete it, and then bring it to the rink on the morning of the 11th.

- Please keep your presentation limited to the length and width of your base. (Additional levels may be added to heighten the structure.)
- Contestants may include a 3” x 5” card with their entry describing their theme or inspiration, if desired.
- Additional structures may be added as long as it fits on the 20” x 24” base and is completely edible.
- The entry must be delivered in completed form attached to the base enabling it to be freestanding.
- All entries must be delivered to the Clark lobby by 9:30am on Wednesday, December 11th to be displayed.
- All Entries must be picked up directly following the conclusion of the event on December 11th at 12pm.
- Teams will be responsible for removing their houses from the Clark lobby at 12pm.

*Please be aware that we are not responsible for misplaced, stolen, or damaged gingerbread houses. We are also not responsible for transporting gingerbread houses to and from the venue so please plan accordingly.

EVENT DAY:

The judging will be held during the skating portion of Winter Wonderland at 10am on Wednesday, December 11th in the lobby of Clark Athletic Center. Your creation should arrive at the Clark UL Lobby by 9:30 am on that day for display. A winner will be chosen by our judges based on overall design, theme, and creativity. A second winner will be chosen based on popular vote (event attendees will have the ability to “vote” for their favorite gingerbread house). The two winners will be announced around 11 am.

PRIZES:

The winning team will receive a pizza party to be arranged at a later date.

Thank you and good luck!