

## Ginger Bread House-Foods Project Contest Guidelines



Open to any Foods Project Exhibitor.

Categories entries will be based upon grade completed in 2018-2019 school year: 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The top three winners in each age category will be announced.

Pre-registration by August 1, 2019 is required. This is considered a “Fun Contest”. Winners will be recognized at the county fair with a non-monetary prize.

### Important Rules:

Gingerbread houses for this contest can be premade or store boughten Gingerbread kits. No cardboard or graham crackers! You may choose any holiday theme, fairy tale castles, barns, churches, stores, forts, or other historical buildings.

Edible decorations may be added to the yard of your house. You could make fences, sidewalks, trees, bushes, people, animals, snowmen, sleds, etc. Royal icing could be used as snow in the yard or it could be colored green for grass.

Following is a list of example candies you could use:

- Some good candies include: candy canes, peppermints, gumdrops, red hots, Skittles, candy corn, Life Savers, jelly beans, Necco wafers, Smarties, chewing gum, or fruit-roll ups.
- Some other items to decorate with could be Teddy Grahams, pretzels, cookies, small crackers, and cereals.
- You can also use brown sugar, dyed sugar, colored shredded coconut, and piping gel, etc.

You may think of others that are not listed here. It would be best to stay away from chocolate. Remember that fair week is often very hot and humid and the chocolate could melt. Please avoid using soft and easily perishable candies and stick with dry and durable varieties.

All age groups must have their gingerbread house mounted on a sturdy base such as wood or hard plastic. The base needs to be covered with tinfoil which is securely taped on the bottom side. The gingerbread house and the extra items in the yard all need to be securely anchored to the base with Royal Icing or glue. All materials in the house and the decorations **MUST BE EDIBLE** except for the type of adhesive you use (Royal Icing, Elmer’s Glue, or hot glue). No plastics allowed. The boards should be no larger than 18 inch X 18inch. Please attach a note card to your house with Title, Description, and Grade you just completed for the judges to read. **Your name must be on the bottom of the board (not visible to the judges).**

Gingerbread house must be checked in by 7:00pm on Wednesday (entry day) at the youth building office. Judging will take place Wednesday evening. Gingerbread houses must be picked up between 6:00-7:00pm on Sunday. If not picked up by 7:00pm, your entire display will be disposed of.

Here is a list of optional places you can purchase pre-made Gingerbread house kits.

1. Wilton Ready-to-Decorate Gingerbread House Decorating Kit-Variou kits available.  
[www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com) (Ranges from \$8.97- and up- These can ship to store for pickup or your home.)
2. Wilton Pre-baked Gingerbread House Decorating Kit  
[www.joann.com](http://www.joann.com) (\$14.99 plus shipping-They offer 40% off coupons on their website)
3. Various Gingerbread House Decorating Kits  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (Ranges from \$9.00 -and up-plus shipping-Will ship to your home)

\*\*\*Making a Gingerbread House from Scratch is perfectly acceptable as well. \*\*\*

Waupaca County Foods Project  
“Gingerbread House” Fun Contest

*You are Invited!*

Get your baking supplies handy and your artistic skills ready as we get ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Gingerbread House Contest.

**Who:** This contest is open to all Foods Project Exhibitors in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What:** This year we will showcase what our Foods Project exhibitors have been creating! You will be making a Gingerbread House of your design to be judged during the Fun Contest.

**Where:** Please drop off your decorated Gingerbread House in the Youth Building at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds.

**When:** Drop off by 7pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 during the Waupaca County Fair-Entry Day!

**Judging will take place on Wednesday Evening!**

Sign Up by August 1, 2019

Please join us at the Waupaca County Fair!

Registration is required and is limited to the first 20 participants. Please see contest guidelines for full rules and requirements.

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Registration Form – Due August 1, 2019

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Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed in the 2018-2019 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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