

## **Gingerbread House Contest Guidelines**

Category entries will be based upon grade: Kindergarten-3rd grade, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 7th-12th grade. Or you can submit a team entry. The top winners in each category will be announced. Open to any Waupaca County 4-H members.



Entries for this contest are due January 12, 2026. Submit 3-5 pictures of your house (front, side, back, top, etc). At least one of the photos should also include the 4-H member(s) that worked on the house.

Ambassadors will be judging the gingerbread houses. They will take into consideration creativity and size when judging each entry. One winner will be selected for each grade category.

### **Important Rules:**

-Gingerbread houses for this contest can be premade or store bought 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, chocolates, 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.

-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.

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Entry Form – Due January 12, 2026

Submit the following information with the 3-5 pictures of your gingerbread house to Penny Tank at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu):

Grade category that you are competing in (K-3, 4-6, 7-12): \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name/ Team Entry Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Parent's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_