



2019 Gingerbread Lane Competition Guidelines

Thank you for your participation in the annual Gingerbread Lane Competition at The Ballantyne!
There is NO FEE to participate however due to overwhelming response, **ONLY the first 40 entries will be accepted!**
Please email entry form to rgoldberg@theballantynehotel.com by **Friday, November 22nd**.
For any questions, please call Rebecca at 704 248 4050.

Rules

1. Entrants can only enter in one category (Professional, Amateur or Child).
Professional = Entrants that work in a food related capacity (baker, caterer, chef, etc.) OR you are a culinary student
Amateur = Entrants over the age of 12 who do not work in a food related capacity
Child = Entrants between the ages of 6 – 12. NOTE: No more than 2 entries per family will be accepted.
2. Creations must be built upon a sound display board with a **maximum** surface of **2' x 2'**. (The display board does **not** have to be made of edible materials but it does need to be sturdy - remember you must transport to the hotel!)
3. Creations themselves must be made entirely of **edible materials**; i.e. no wood, cardboard, wire, lights etc. may be used or incorporated in to the structure. Please note – the creation does not have to be a house – any structure or design as long as it incorporates gingerbread.
4. Creations must be labeled with your name and the name of the creation upon delivery for identification. The hotel will replace it with one that is uniform for all but any left without a name attached will be disqualified.

NOTES:

Entrants may choose to provide a Plexiglas® surround for their gingerbread creation to safeguard it from being damaged (it is NOT required). The Plexiglas® size must not exceed the length and width of the display board.

Judging is based on creativity, attention to detail, complexity and use of materials. The "People's Choice" award will be based on the gingerbread creation with highest number of votes from the general public.

Dates to Remember:

Friday, November 22nd – Last day to submit entry form

Sunday, December 1st – Tuesday, December 3rd - Deliver gingerbread creations to The Ballantyne (no later than **6p.m. on 12/3**)

Wednesday, December 4th - Judging takes place between 12 – 2pm and winners are announced at 4pm to anyone present (it is not required) and via email the following day to all participants.

Thursday, December 5th – Thursday, December 26th – Gingerbread creations are on display!

Friday, December 27th – Sunday, December 29th - All displays will be removed from public viewing and stored for pickup until (no later than **5pm on 12/29**). Any remaining gingerbread displays will be discarded after this date.

Prizes for Winners

Ribbons will be placed on winning displays the day they are judged, and winners will be contacted by the hotel to award the prizes. The "People's Choice" winner will be announced after the new year, when all votes are counted. Winners of all three categories will be announced on Facebook® and Twitter® as well as via email.

Professional:

1st place = \$500 Gift Card & Complimentary one-night stay in an Executive Suite with breakfast in bed for two
2nd place = \$200 The Ballantyne gift card
3rd place = Complimentary one-night stay in a Deluxe guest room with breakfast in bed for two

Amateur

1st place = Complimentary one-night stay in an Executive Suite plus dinner for two at Gallery Restaurant
2nd place = \$200 The Ballantyne gift card
3rd place = Complimentary one-night stay in a Deluxe guest room with breakfast in bed for two

Child:

1st place = 2 hour Culinary Class led by our Pastry Chef, Noelle Gogg, & a Personalized Chef's Apron
2nd place = A specialty Holiday Brunch for four people (Valid for Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas)
3rd place = Complimentary Afternoon Tea for four at The Ballantyne Hotel

People's Choice winner will receive:

Complimentary one-night stay in a Grand Deluxe guest room with breakfast in bed for two