

COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM**REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17, 2023, 4:00p.m. MST***All fields are mandatory*

Entry Classification (check one): Individual Entry Team Entry

Entry Category (check one): Adult (18 and older) Teen (13-17) Kids (5-12)

Entry Location (check one): On Site (*Interpretive Center*) *Virtual (***submission by photos only***)

Name: _____

Entry Title: _____

Complete as an Individual Competitor or Team Captain

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I must submit my entry in legible form no later than Friday, November 17, 2023.
2. I must deliver my completed entry to the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site on Thursday, December 7, 2023, for both virtual and in-person entries by 4:00 PM MST.
3. I can pick up my entry by appointment on or after December 15, 2023.
4. I hereby grant permission to the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site and the State Historical Society of North Dakota to print or otherwise duplicate pictures or likenesses of my entry and/or myself with my entry for either internal or external release, this includes print and online publications, plus local and network television. I understand that the image of my entry becomes the property of SHSND. I understand that at no time does SHSND guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred to my entry on or off the agency's property. By participation, each competitor agrees to be bound by all Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. The Chateau de Morès State Historic Site reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at the Interpretive Center, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any entry form information.
5. By signing this release, I agree that I am releasing any right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the State Historical Society of North Dakota by its agent the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site and its employees. The releaser agrees to defend and indemnify each released party for any and all claims and/or those of a third party arising from the incident.

I agree to all terms of the 2023 Chateau de Morès Gingerbread House Competition and have fully read the Official Rules and Procedures. Any/all minors must have parental or guardian permission to participate in the 2023 competition.

Signature of Entrant/Team Captain: _____ Date: _____

*See page 2 for specific virtual entry instructions.

THE 2023 CHATEAU DE MORES GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

OFFICIAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

Entry Form Deadline

Friday, November 17, 2023

Entry Delivery Day

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MST

2023 Gingerbread Competition Awards Reveal

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. MST

Gingerbread Display – Public Viewing

Friday, December 08, 2023 – Friday, December 15, 2023

Please read carefully and retain this information for your records. The following rules and procedures have been established by the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site (henceforth referred to as the Chateau) for the purpose of The Fifth Annual Chateau Gingerbread Competition. You are encouraged to submit your entry form early to give yourself plenty of time. The Chateau reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. For additional questions, please contact krdejesus@nd.gov

ENTRY CATEGORY GUIDELINES

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

The competitor registered will receive all correspondence, notifications, and updates regarding The Fifth Annual Chateau de Morès Gingerbread Competition via email. If the individual entering is under 18 years of age by the date of the competition, consent from a parent or legal guardian is required in addition to disclosing the minor's age and date of birth. Each participant may only submit one entry.

TEAM ENTRY

Each team entry must designate a Team Captain. The Team Captain will receive all correspondence, notifications, and updates on behalf of the team regarding entry in The Fifth Annual Chateau de Morès Gingerbread Competition via email. Teams should submit only one Competitor Entry Form, including only the Team Captain's contact information. If entering as a school group, the classroom teacher should be listed as the Team Captain and provide their contact information.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following categories are available for entry into The Chateau Gingerbread House Competition:

- Adult Category – Individuals 18 years of age and older entering as a single entrant or team.
- Teen Category – Individuals between 13 and 17 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.
- Kids Category – Individuals between 5 and 12 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.

ENTRY LOCATION (on-site *and* virtual)

If you choose to bring your entry to the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center for display, you must deliver it by 4:00 pm MST on Thursday, December 7, 2023. Staff will be on hand to help you unload and place your entry within the Interpretive Center.

Back by popular demand, competitors may again choose to enter the competition virtually in 2023. For an entry to be considered virtually, high-quality photographs of the entry ***with a solid black background*** must be submitted via email to krdejesus@nd.gov by 4:00pm MST on the delivery date: Thursday, December 7, 2023. Each photo must include a typed label with the entry name, NOT the competitor's name. The following angles are required:

- Front
- Rear
- Both sides
- Top
- Interior (if applicable)

JUDGING AND CRITERIA

All entries will be judged according to People's Choice. Votes can be submitted by anyone interested in voting online and in-person. Votes will be tallied by The Chateau de Morès State Historic Site staff. Voting will take place during Medora's Old-Fashioned Cowboy Christmas, December 8-10, 2023. Votes can be placed in-person at the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center, or online via the Chateau's Facebook page.

A note about online voting: each like, comment, and share is considered as one vote (i.e. one like = one vote). If you choose to enter the competition by bringing your entry to the site, the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site staff will photograph your entry to ensure your work is included on all platforms.

There is no overall theme for the competition. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to think outside the box and uniquely design their entry for the 2023 competition. The theme should be the competitor's own and consistent throughout the entry.

SIZE LIMITATIONS

Entries brought on-site must be placed on a board base. Entries combined with the base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. ½" or ¾" plywood as a base for your entry is recommended. Weight should not exceed 50 pounds.

MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION

Everything above the base of your entry must be composed of 75% edible materials. The main structure of your entry must be constructed of at least 50% gingerbread.

Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials. Example: peppermint wrappers. Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved and encouraged to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base.

Entries must be solely constructed by the individual(s) entering the competition. Teen and Child/Youth competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. Example: assistance with operating a stovetop or oven.

ENTRY REGISTRATION

Delivery Day is Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MST at the Chateau de Morès Interpretive Center: 3426 Chateau Road, Medora, ND 58645, or via email: krdejesus@nd.gov. Registration will close at 4:00 p.m. MST.

ON-SITE ENTRY REGISTRATION PROCESS

Unload your entry at the Interpretive Center at the Chateau de Morès State Historic Site.

1. **The Registration Desk** is in the lobby of the Interpretive Center just inside the double glass doors. Here you will check in your entry.
2. **OPTIONAL:** Gingerbread Triage is located in the kitchen at the Interpretive Center. This station is available for minor fixes before final placement in the competition.
3. **Entry Placement** on designated surfaces is the final step. The Chateau staff will assist you in placing your entry in a safe and secure location.

PLACING AND PRIZES

The Chateau will award the title of First Prize to one competitor or team from each category (Adult, Teen, Child).

PUBLIC VIEWING

The official 2023 Gingerbread House Display begins Friday, December 08, 2023, and will end Friday, December 15, 2023.

POST-DISPLAY PICK-UP

Entries must be picked up before Friday, December 22, 2023. Entries remaining after December 22, will be discarded.