ORIGINAL BENJAMIN'S GINGERBREAD LANE

The Original Benjamin's

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

2026

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries must be made primarily of gingerbread and will be judged in four categories:
Overall Appearance • Originality/Creativity • Difficulty • Precision
All rulings by the judges are independent and final, and are in no way are influenced by The Original Benjamin's.

MATERIALS:

Except for the base, entries must be made primarily of gingerbread and composed completely of edible products. Edible materials are not limited to sweets. No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam, are to be used in the construction of the house. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any Inedible materials (such as lolly pop sticks). NO Gingerbread kit Houses will be accepted except in the Children's Division (ages 4-7) only.

WHO QUALIFIES:

The competition is open to everyone.

DELIVERY:

Entry forms must be received either via FAX (843) 449-0056 or mail by **Thursday, November 19th, 2026 by 5:00 PM.** Completed entries must be delivered to The Original Benjamin's Restaurant on **Saturday, November 21st, 2026 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon** with competitors name labeled underneath the base. You will also need to fill out the explanation form of products used in your design and brief description of the assembly of your entry (Bring this form with you when you deliver your house). NO Gingerbread Kit Houses will be accepted except in the Children's Division (ages 4-7) only. Judging will begin at 6:00 PM. Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Entries will be on display at The Original Benjamin's throughout the holiday season, which ends January 1st, 2027. (Houses may be picked up on January 2nd, 2027. Houses not picked up will be discarded after that date.) ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Entry form must be received by Thursday, November 19th, 2026 at The Original Benjamin's. The Original Benjamin's reserves the right to refuse any entry it deems inappropriate for display. PLEASE RETAIN THIS SHEET FOR REFERENCE ENTRY.

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2026 Entry Form

The Original Benjamin's Entry #_____, the entry submitted must be designed, constructed and decorated solely by the entrant or entrants listed below.

ENTRANT NAME (please print): _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE #: (____) _____ CELL PHONE #: (____) _____

BIRTH DATE:_____ AGE:_____

I understand that to be eligible for the competition, I must return my entry form by mail or fax not later than Thursday, NOVEMBER 19th, 2026 and that I must deliver my COMPLETED "house", with my name labeled underneath the base of my entry and the Judges Entry Explanation Form, to The Original Benjamin's on SATURDAY, November 21st. 2026, between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. I also understand that my entry must be made primarily of gingerbread, completely of edible products and that it will be on display at The Original Benjamin's, for the holiday season, which ends January 1st, 2027. (Houses may be picked up on January 2nd, 2027, after which houses will be discarded. Permission is hereby granted to The Original Benjamin's to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness 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 The Original Benjamin's. Permission is also granted to The Original Benjamin's to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does The Original Benjamin's guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by my entry on or off the restaurant's property. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all of the Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time and posted at www.originalbenjamins.com. The Original Benjamin's reserves the rights to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at the restaurant, to disqualify any competitor who fails to follow the Rules and Procedures contained herein and/or to disqualify any competitor who falsifies any information which is submitted on this entry form.

SIGNATURE OF ENTRANT: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TEENS

I affirm that the entrant listed above is _____years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate the entry to be submitted without adult assistance. (Adults may help to operate the oven only)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____ CELL PHONE #: (____) _____

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Judges Entry Explanation

Brief Description of the Assembly of Your Entry:

Products Used in Your Design:

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2026 Divisions and Prizes

ALL ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM THE ORIGINAL BENJAMIN'S IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

ADULT DIVISION AMATEUR

(Ages 19+)

1st Place $500 | 2nd Place $300 | 3rd Place $150

ADULT DIVISION PROFESSIONAL

1st Place $700 | 2nd Place $350 | 3rd Place $200

TEEN DIVISION

(Ages 13-16)

1st Place $250 | 2nd Place $150 | 3rd Place $100

Youth Division

(Ages 8 -12)

1st Place $200 | 2nd Place $100 | 3rd Place $75

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

(Ages 4-7)

1st Place $100 | 2nd Place $50 | 3rd Place $25

GROUP DIVISION

(Consists of team units such as youth groups, school classes, scout group, etc)

1st Place $350 | 2nd Place $150 | 3rd Place $100

STAFF DIVISION

(The Original Benjamin's Staff Only)

1st Place $350 | 2nd Place $200 | 3rd Place $150

ALL STAFF ENTRIES DO NOT HAVE TO MEET CRITERIA OF ANY KIND, BE CREATIVE WITH ANY TYPE OF MATERIALS, WHETHER EDIBLE OR NOT.

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