The Big Red Barn Country Christmas Gingerbread Competition 2026

Official Rules and Guidelines

1. Design and decorate a gingerbread creation. All work must have major components including, but not limited to, a roof and walls.
2. Age Categories: Youth – up to 14 years old
   Adult – ages 15 and up
3. The entire gingerbread house must be constructed of only edible materials except for the base. Entries must be constructed of mainly gingerbread or graham crackers and icing, unwrapped candy, cookies, crackers, or other edible items. Any item requiring refrigeration may not be used.
4. Original creations are encouraged, but purchased kits you decorate are certainly acceptable.
5. All creations must be submitted on a wooden or heavy cardboard base, no larger than 18" X 18", with the creation being no taller than 18".
6. Please give your house a special *Holiday Name*.
7. Entries must include your name, contact information, and the *Holiday Name* of your creation.

Delivery

Deliver your completed gingerbread house creation to the Big Red Barn on
Thursday, December 10th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, **OR**
Friday, December 11th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

8. The gingerbread houses will be on display at the Big Red Barn Country Christmas from Friday, December 11th through Saturday, December 12th.

Judging

The gingerbread houses will be judged on the following criteria:

Overall appearance	0 – 10 points
Creativity/originality	0 – 10 points
Neatness/tidiness	0 – 10 points
Clever use of materials	0 – 10 points
Total possible:	40 points

9. Entrants must pick up their houses Saturday evening, December 12th from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Houses not removed by Saturday at 9:00 pm will be donated to a local nursing home.

10. Prizes: 1st place = HEB gift card and 1st place ribbon
    2nd place = 2nd place ribbon
    3rd place = 3rd place ribbon

11. We are not responsible for lost or damaged gingerbread houses.

The Big Red Barn Country Christmas Gingerbread Competition 2026 Entry Form

Name_____

Phone Number _____

Entry Holiday Name _____

Category: ◯ Youth ◯ Adult

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The Big Red Barn Country Christmas Gingerbread Competition 2026 Score Sheet

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Criteria	**Points possible**	**Score**
Overall Appearance	0 – 10 points	_____
Creativity/originality	0 – 10 points	_____
Neatness/tidiness	0 – 10 points	_____
Clever use of materials	0 – 10 points	_____
	TOTAL POINTS	_____

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