

# COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM

REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES | DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8, 2019

All fields are mandatory



Entry Classification (check one):  Individual Entry  Team Entry

Entry Category (check one):  Adult (18 and older)  Teen (13-17)  Youth (9-12)  Child (5-8)

Date of birth if under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Team Name (Team Entries Only). *May not exceed 30 characters including spaces:*

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Entry Title. *May not exceed 30 characters including spaces:*

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## Complete as an Individual Competitor or Team Captain

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance traveled to The Omni Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Ave, Asheville, NC 28806: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles

Have you previously been a competitor in The National Gingerbread House Competition™? If yes, how many years?

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I must submit my entry in digital form, email or direct mail no later than 5pm on Friday, November 8, 2019.
2. I must deliver my completed entry to OGPI on Sunday, November 17, 2019, at the time assigned to my division.
3. I acknowledge that my entry will remain on display during the OGPI holiday season through Saturday, January 5, 2020. My entry may not be picked up prior to January 4, 2020.
4. I must pick up my entry between the hours of 9am and 5pm on Sunday, January 5 or Monday, January 6, 2020. Entries not picked up within the designated window will be discarded beginning at 6pm on Monday, January 6, 2020.
5. I hereby grant permission to GPI Resort Holdings, LLC, by its agent Omni Hotels Management Corporation (collectively, "The Omni Grove Park Inn" or "OGPI") 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 OGPI. Permission is also granted to OGPI to transport my entry for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does OGPI guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred to my entry on or off the resort's property. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. OGPI reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display at the hotel, 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.
6. I agree to HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, DEFEND, AND INDEMNIFY, GPI RESORT HOLDINGS, LLC, BY ITS AGENT OMNI HOTELS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, each of their current or former predecessors, successors, each of their affiliated organizations and companies, their insurance companies, their respective agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, members, partners, medical providers and shareholders (each a "RELEASED PARTY") for ANY AND ALL LIABILITY and/or claims arising from injury to persons or damage to property arising from the incident, any RELEASED PARTY'S alleged or actual NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF any express or implied WARRANTY, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, or mistakes or errors in judgment of any kind. By signing this release, I agree that I am releasing any right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against OGPI. THE RELEASOR 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 2019 National Gingerbread House Competition™ and have fully read the Official 2019 Rules and Procedures.

Any/all competitors submitted as a contributors have parent/guardian permission to participate in the 2019 competition.

Signature of Entrant / Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to the Special Events Team through one of these channels:

Scan + Email: [gpi.events@omnihotels.com](mailto:gpi.events@omnihotels.com) | Direct mail: The Omni Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804, Attn: Special Events



# THE 2019 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION™

## OFFICIAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

### Entry Form Deadline

Friday, November 8, 2019 by 5pm

### Entry Registration Day

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Child and Youth | 8am-12pm

Registration Closed | 12-2pm

Teen and Adult | 2-6pm

### 2019 Gingerbread Competition Awards Ceremony

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30pm

### Gingerbread Display - Public Viewing

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – Saturday, January 4

After 3pm on Sundays, anytime Monday – Thursday.

*Excluding November 27, 28, December 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, and*

*January 1, 2020. December 26 viewing will open at 1pm.*

*Fridays and Saturdays are reserved for guests staying at the resort.*

**Please read carefully and retain this information for your records.** The following rules and procedures have been set forth and established by The Omni Grove Park Inn (henceforth referred to as OGPI) for the purpose of The 2019 National Gingerbread House Competition™. You are encouraged to submit your entry form early and before the deadline as space is limited. OGPI reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. For additional questions, please contact at [gpi.events@omnihotels.com](mailto:gpi.events@omnihotels.com).

## ENTRY CATEGORY GUIDELINES

### INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

To be eligible for the competition, a complete Competitor Entry Form must be received in digital form, email or direct mail submission no later than 5pm on Friday, November 8, 2019. The competitor registered will receive all correspondence, notifications and updates regarding The National Gingerbread House 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. Competitors will receive a confirmation email containing their unique entry number upon receipt of completed Competitor Entry Form. A physical, printed copy of the Optional Entry Description Summary is to be submitted at registration on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at The Omni Grove Park Inn.

### 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 National Gingerbread House Competition™ via email. Teams are to 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.

If individuals working on a team entry are of varied ages, the team must enter in the appropriate category for the oldest individual in the group. Individuals 18 years of age but still enrolled in high school may compete in the Teen Category as a member of a team entry. If the individual(s) entering is under 18 years of age by the date of the competition, consent from a parent/legal guardian(s) is required in addition to disclosing the minor's age and date of birth. A list of each team member's full name and age will need to be submitted to complete entry. Each participant may only submit one entry. In the event a team entry wins a prize, the Team Captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution of ribbon and splitting of any prize will be left to the team captain to determine. We are not able to supply ribbons for each participant. Competitors will receive a confirmation email containing their unique entry number upon receipt of completed Competitor Entry Form. A physical, printed copy of the Optional Entry Description Summary is to be submitted at registration on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at The Omni Grove Park Inn.

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following categories are available for entry into The 2019 National 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.
- Youth Category - Individuals between 9 and 12 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.
- Child Category - Individuals between 5 and 8 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.

## **JUDGING AND CRITERIA**

All entries will be judged on five criteria:

1) Overall Appearance, 2) Originality and Creativity, 3) Difficulty, 4) Precision and 5) Consistency of Theme.

There is no overall theme for the competition. Although OGPI's holiday competition is titled "The National Gingerbread House Competition", entries are not limited to the structure of a house. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry for the 2019 competition. Theme should be competitor's own and consistent throughout the entry.

Decorative elements that are handmade will carry more weight than similar prefabricated items. All rulings by the judges are independent and final. They are in no way influenced by OGPI staff or affiliates. In the event of a tie, the competition Call Judge will be asked to break the tie.

## **SIZE LIMITATIONS**

Entry must be placed on a board base. Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " or  $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood as a base for your entry is recommended. Use of pegs/risers/feet on the bottom of the base is preferred but not required. If you wish to install pegs/risers/feet on the underside of your base, they are considered as part of the base and must not cause the entry's overall height to exceed 24 inches. Weight is not to exceed 50 pounds.

## **MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION**

Requirements have been updated from prior years, please read carefully.

Everything above the base of your entry must be composed completely of edible materials. Competitors are permitted to use up to 40% mechanically produced components in their entry. Examples include: machine designed, 3D printed and laser cut components. 60% of each entry must be handcrafted. The main structure of your entry must be constructed of at least 75% gingerbread, some of which should be exposed.

Edible materials are not limited to candies and icings. Use of gum paste, fondant, pastillage, chocolate, modeling chocolate, royal icing, isomalt, cast sugar, gelatin and pressed sugar is encouraged. Use of "Disco Dust", "Rainbow Dust" or "Hologram Powder" is permitted.

Due to the danger of working with hot sugar, techniques using poured hot sugar or isomalt are reserved for the teen and adult categories only. This includes melted sugar candies. Any entry with non-edible components or using unapproved techniques will be automatically disqualified from placing in the competition. No artificial display materials, such as Styrofoam, interior lighting or other electronic components are to be used in the construction or decoration of the entry. Candies must be unwrapped and free of any non-edible materials, for example: lollipop sticks. Non-edible materials such as paint and/or ribbon are approved and encouraged to decorate the outer edge of your plywood base only. Decorations must not cause the entry to exceed the required size limitations.

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

## **ENTRY IDENTIFICATION**

**Requirements have changed significantly from prior years, please read carefully.**

Each entry must be clearly labeled with its OGPI assigned, unique entry number. Number must be visible from a fully seated position for hotel reference and identification. If you do not arrive with your entry number clearly showing, you will be required to add it at entry registration. Examples of successful labeling: small decorative plaques, sign posts, banners. If not incorporated into the piece elsewhere, the recommended location is the outer edge of the base.

### **OPTIONAL: ENTRY DESCRIPTION SUMMARY**

Requirements have been updated from prior years, please read carefully.

The purpose of this summary is to better inform the judges of your vision, process, materials and technique that may not be obvious from viewing the finished product. This is also where any specific theme or backstory of an entry can be briefly explained. Summary is to be submitted on one standard, single sided, typed, 8.5"x11" page. Font should be no smaller than 9pt or larger than 12pt. You are not required to provide this information on an OGPI issued form. A physical, printed copy of the Entry Description Summary is to be submitted at registration on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at The Omni Grove Park Inn.

You are permitted and encouraged to submit up to four photos with your summary, to be mounted/printed on one standard, single sided, 8.5"x11" page. Child/Youth entrants are encouraged to include photos of competitors demonstrating their skill executing the more complicated portions of their entry. This document will be available for review during the anonymous judging process. To remain compliant, please do not include any competitor, team or organization name(s) anywhere in the summary. Any photos showing competitor faces will be discarded.

### **ENTRY REGISTRATION**

Registration times and procedures have been updated from prior years, please read carefully.

It is mandatory to stay with your entry until final placement in the ballroom.

#### **REGISTRATION DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

\*It is mandatory to stay with your entry until final placement in the ballroom.

Child and Youth Division Registration | 8am-12pm

**Registration Closed | 12-2pm | No registrants will be accepted at this time**

Teen and Adult Division Registration | 2pm-6pm

Competitor Meet and Greet Party | 6-7:30pm | Details to be announced

### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE OMNI GROVE PARK INN**

The Omni Grove Park Inn | 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville NC 28804

#### **Recommended property entrance:**

From Charlotte Street, turn left onto Edwin Place  
(street before Macon Avenue);

Go through one traffic light;

Turn right onto Country Club Road;

Turn right onto Club View Road;

Stay left on Club View Road;

Go through stop sign (Vanderbilt Parking Garage is on right);  
Turn right at next stop sign; take next right up, towards the Inn;

Continue up the hill to the Bus Parking Area

**\*Map shows detail of arrival to the Bus Parking area**

## ENTRY REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. **UNLOAD YOUR ENTRY** at the resort's bus parking area in front of the Vanderbilt Wing entrance, located on Level 7 (ground level) of the Vanderbilt Wing.
  - Vehicles will be allowed up to 10 minutes in the bus parking area to unload entries. You will not be permitted to register your entry without moving your vehicle to an approved parking area.
  - A small number of carts will be made available at this location for transporting gingerbread entries and are not permitted to be removed from this area. Violators may be disqualified from the competition. If you have a small hand cart, you are encouraged to bring it to minimize wait time.
  - Prior to judging, competitor entries are not to be handled by any member of the resort staff. Please be certain that any designee(s) delivering an entry is capable of moving the piece without OGPI staff assistance.
2. **REGISTRATION DESK** is located on Level 7 (ground level) of the Vanderbilt Wing, just inside the sliding glass doors. Here you will check-in, receive your welcome materials and competitor button(s).
3. **FORM PROCESSING** is located on Level 7 (ground level) near the Registration Desk. Here you will submit your Optional Entry Description Summary and photos for approval, and receive your entry number packet to be placed in the ballroom. Once approved, you will take this packet and place it at your entry location in the ballroom. Remain on this level until a cart becomes available for transport to Level 8.
4. **OPTIONAL: GINGERBREAD TRIAGE** is located on Level 8 (one level up from Registration), to the left once you have exited the elevator. This station is available for minor fixes before photography and final placement in the ballroom. Competitors are not permitted to hold OGPI carts in this area; those fixing entries must utilize the provided work tables.
5. **PHOTOGRAPHY STATION** is located on Level 8 (one level up from Registration). You and your entry will be photographed for media purposes; mandatory for all competition entries.
6. **ENTRY PLACEMENT** in the Grand Ballroom (Level 8) is the final step. We ask that all competitors exit the Ballroom promptly after placing entry and entry number packet at the staff designated space. You are not permitted to view the other entries at this time in order to keep the registration process moving. Entries can be viewed after the Awards Ceremony Monday, November 18, 2019.

## COMPETITOR ROOM BLOCK RESERVATIONS

OGPI offers a discounted room rate to competitors in The 2019 National Gingerbread House Competition™. Information on the discounted room rate and reservation policies for The Omni Grove Park Inn will be emailed with your assigned, unique entry number once a complete 2019 entry form has been processed.

## **PLACING AND PRIZES**

OGPI will award the title of Grand Prize to one entry from the Adult top ten. One ribbon per entry will be awarded to each top ten winners of the Adult, Teen, Youth and Child categories. Winners of prize checks are required to fill out the appropriate tax forms prior to payment being issued. Prize checks will be made out to the individual winner or Team Captain and mailed to the address that is provided on the tax form.

## **FARTHEST DISTANCE TRAVELED**

The award for the competitor who traveled the furthest distance with their entry is \$1,000 and one ribbon. Based on mileage within continental United States and Canada; may be asked to provide valid proof of address.

## **ADULT CATEGORY**

**Grand Prize:** \$5,000 prize check, a two-night Club Floor stay at OGPI, dinner for two, daily breakfast for two, a Prize Package including a three-day class at the Nicholas Lodge School in Atlanta, GA, Renshaw and Nicholas Lodge brand products and one ribbon.

**2nd Place:** \$2,500 prize check, a two-night Mountain View stay at OGPI including daily breakfast for two, dinner for two, two Spa Day Passes, and one ribbon.

**3rd Place:** \$1,200 prize check, a one-night Mountain View stay at OGPI including breakfast and dinner for two, and one ribbon.

## **TEEN CATEGORY**

**1st Place:** \$750 Prize check, dinner for four at EDISON craft kitchen + ales, and a ribbon.

**2nd Place:** \$500 prize check and one ribbon.

**3rd Place:** \$250 prize check and one ribbon.

## **YOUTH CATEGORY**

**1st Place:** \$300 prize check, dinner for four at EDISON craft kitchen + ales and one ribbon.

**2nd Place:** \$200 prize check and one ribbon.

**3rd Place:** \$100 prize check and one ribbon.

## **CHILD CATEGORY**

**1st Place:** \$100 prize check, dinner for four at EDISON craft kitchen + ales, and one ribbon.

**2nd Place:** \$75 prize check and one ribbon

**3rd Place:** \$50 prize check and one ribbon

## THE 2019 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY

### PUBLIC VIEWING

The official 2019 Gingerbread Display begins Wednesday, November 20, 2019 and will continue through Saturday, January 4, 2020.

The Omni Grove Park Inn invites guests that are not staying overnight at the resort to view the display after 3:00 pm on Sundays or anytime Monday through Thursday, based on parking availability and excluding holidays and the following dates: November 27, 28, December 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 and January 1, 2020. Public viewing on December 26 will open at 1pm.

Fridays and Saturdays are reserved exclusively for guests staying overnight at the resort and those that have confirmed resort dining reservations. Event parking is based on availability and is subject to occupancy levels. If guests arrive during a high occupancy time, they may be asked to leave and return at an alternate time.

### **A select number of entries will be sent to The Grove Arcade as an additional display location; entrants will be notified.**

*With competition entry, permission is granted to OGPI to transport entries for publicity purposes while understanding that at no time does OGPI guarantee the safety or security of the entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by the entry on or off the resort's property. Please be aware the Grand Prize winning entry, along with other winning entries, may be removed from the National Gingerbread House Competition Display during the resort's holiday season for publicity purposes. Past publicity dates have included the seven days prior to Christmas and the seven days following Christmas. Publicity dates for the 2019 holiday season have not been set at this time.*

### VEHICLE PARKING

Competitor parking vouchers are distributed on site as part of the registration packet. Vouchers permit one standard vehicle, up to three hours of complimentary self-parking during the designated public viewing dates. Vouchers must be presented to the Guest Services desk for validation prior to exiting the garage/parking lot. Standard vehicle parking is subject to availability and is not guaranteed.

### OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING

Groups visiting the hotel with an oversized vehicle just to view the gingerbread display may be eligible to reserve parking on the following dates only: November 25, 26, December 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12. Competitor parking vouchers cannot be applied to oversized vehicle parking. This applies to buses, vans or any non-standard size vehicle that does not properly fit in a traditional parking space.

Please visit [omnihotels.com/grovepark](http://omnihotels.com/grovepark) and select "Gingerbread Information" under the "Things to Do" tab to complete the **2019 Holiday Season Oversized Vehicle Parking Request Form for Viewing Only**. Submit completed forms in order to be placed on the request waiting list. Submission of this form does not guarantee a reservation. An Omni Grove Park Inn issued parking pass serves as confirmation of your reservation. Confirmations will begin in September.

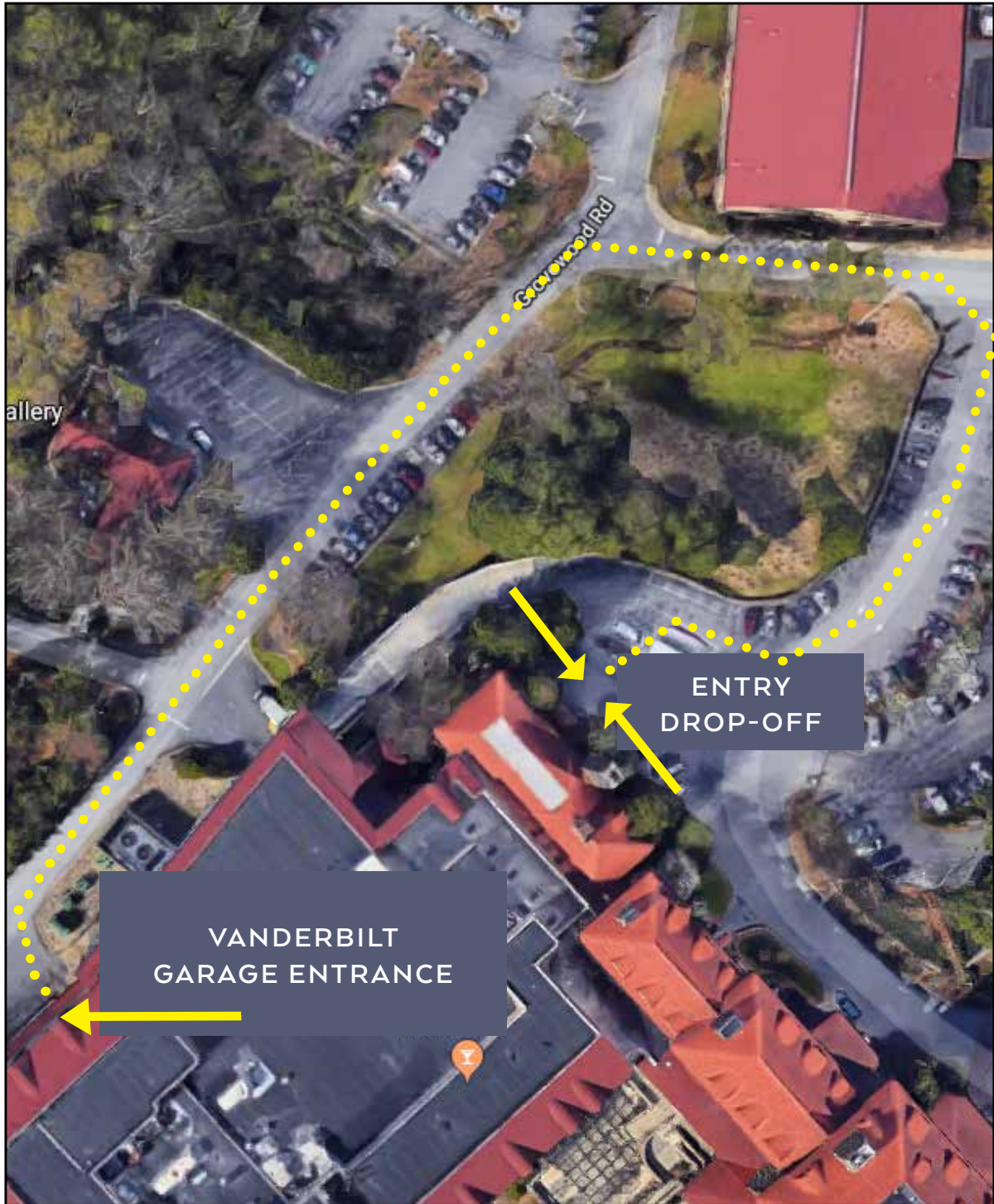
For those interested in Group Dining Reservations as part of their visit, please complete the **2019 Holiday Season Oversized Vehicle Parking Request Form for Group Dining Reservations**. Reservation requests will start being accepted as of July 1, 2019. Reservations made based on availability.

### POST-DISPLAY ENTRY PICKUP

For competitors that wish to keep their gingerbread entry after the competition display has ended; entries must be picked up between the hours of 9am and 5pm on Sunday, January 5 or Monday, January 6, 2020. Entries remaining will be discarded beginning at 6pm on Monday, January 6. For those displayed at The Grove Arcade, please inquire with The Grove Arcade directly.



# COMPETITOR LOAD-IN FOR GINGERBREAD ENTRIES



VANDERBILT WING - LEVEL 7



