

THE 2023 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION™

OFFICIAL RULES AND PROCEDURES



Entry Form Deadline

Monday, November 13, 2023 by 5pm

REQUIRED: Entry Description Summary

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Entry Registration Day

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Child and Youth | 8am-12pm

Registration Closed | 12-2pm

Teen and Adult | 2-6pm

2023 Gingerbread Competition Awards Ceremony

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6pm

Voting for the People's Choice Award begins promptly at 4:45pm

Gingerbread Display - Public Viewing

Monday, November 27, 2023 – Tuesday January 2, 2024; After

4pm on Sundays, anytime Monday – Thursday. *Exclusion dates*

include December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1. All Fridays

and Saturdays are reserved for registered resort guests and those

that have confirmed dining reservations.

THE 2023 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION™

The 31st Annual National Gingerbread House Competition™ will be held at The Omni Grove Park Inn on Monday, November 20, 2023 with an Awards Ceremony following in the Grand Ballroom. Competition judging will be conducted in-person and is closed to the public. For past competitors, be advised there will NOT be any digital content submissions required or accepted. The Awards Ceremony is reserved for contestants and their families only.

The Competition will welcome first-time judge, Yolanda Gampp. Also known as the “Beyonce Of Cakes,” Gampp is a celebrity cake artist, judge on FOX’s Crime Scene Kitchen, two-time bestselling cookbook author, and a co-Founder of How To Cake It, the #1 online baking education company in the world. The entire esteemed judging panel will announce a winner on November 20th at the resort during the Awards Ceremony.

Gingerbread artists of all ages and backgrounds are invited to compete for more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes. The judging panel will recognize six entries with the esteemed Chef Nicholas Lodge awards, introduced last year. See Prizes + Placing section for more information.

Before the Awards Ceremony, competitors will choose a winner for the People’s Choice: Best In Show award! Registered competitors will have a limited amount of time to vote on their favorite entry and determine one winner across all four categories. See Placing + Prizes section for more information.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

Judging will commence as past years of the Competition. All Gingerbread entries will be judged in-person at The Omni Grove Park Inn. After judging on Monday, November 20, the Top 40 finalists will be selected, which is the Top 10 finalists from each age category. For past competitors, be advised there will NOT be any digital content submissions accepted.

WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

We will celebrate all Competitors with the in-person Awards Ceremony, as well as continue “The 12 Days of Gingerbread” social media tradition started in 2020. The 2023 Grand Prize Winner, 2nd Place Adult, and 3rd Place Adult will be placed on display at the resort for the year following the Awards Ceremony.

12 DAYS OF GINGERBREAD

For those who may not travel this season, the hotel will continue, “The 12 Days of Gingerbread” by presenting one of the Top 12 finalists, per day, on the hotel’s Facebook (@omnigroveparkinn) and Instagram (@omnigrovepark) channels from December 1 - 12, 2023 to spark Ginger-love for all during the happiest season of the year! This provides an in-person and virtual way for all to enjoy.

OFFICIAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

Please read all information fully and carefully. Requirements have been updated. 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 2023 National Gingerbread House Competition™.

The deadline to submit the Competitor Entry Form is **November 13, 2023 at 5pm ET**. OGPI reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. For additional questions, please contact gpi.events@omnihotels.com.

ENTRY CATEGORY GUIDELINES

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

To be eligible for the Competition, the Competitor Entry Form must be received by **5pm ET on November 13, 2023**. Additionally, the Entry Description Summary Form must be submitted at time of registration on **November 19, 2023**.

The registered Competitor 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 entry, consent from a parent or legal guardian is required in addition to disclosing the minor's date of birth. Each participant may only submit one entry. Following receipt of the Competitor Entry Form, the entrant will receive a manual confirmation email providing Entry Number and competitor room block information.

TEAM ENTRY

To be eligible for the Competition, the Competitor Entry Form must be received by **5pm ET on November 13, 2023**. Additionally, the Entry Description Summary Form must be submitted at time of registration on **November 19, 2023**.

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 date of birth. 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. Following receipt of the Competitor Entry Form, the Team Captain will receive a manual confirmation email providing Entry Number and competitor room block information.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

The following categories are available for entry into The 2023 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.

ENTRY CRITERIA

JUDGING

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 2023 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/affiliates or Competitors. 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. ½" or ¾" plywood as a base for your entry is recommended. No element of the entry should extend beyond or hang over the edge of the base. Decorations must not cause the entry to exceed the required size limitations. 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

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 or structural 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 stove top or oven.

ENTRY IDENTIFICATION

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, signposts, banners. If not incorporated into the piece elsewhere, the recommended location is the outer edge of the base.

REQUIRED: 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, theme, backstory, process, technique and material usage that may not be obvious from viewing the finished product.

Summary is to be submitted on one standard, single sided, typed, 8.5"x11" page. Summary cannot exceed two, typed pages. Font should be no smaller than 9pt and no 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 required to be submitted at registration on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at The Omni Grove Park Inn.

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. Summary must be completely anonymous and free from identifying factors.

Description not to exceed two, typed pages.

Font: Calibri, Size: No smaller than 9pt and no larger than 12pt.

Suggested Prompts:

- What inspired your piece? What is the backstory?
 - What is your favorite element of your entry?
 - How many hours did you spend crafting your entry?
 - How many pounds of Gingerbread was used in your piece? How many pounds of sugar?
 - How much does your piece weigh (in pounds)?
 - What ingredients did you use? Any new/unique ingredients?
 - Did your original vision change during the process?
 - What was your experience like creating your entry this year?
 - What makes Gingerbread special to you?
 - Have you pioneered any new techniques?
 - Do you create your own molds?
 - What has been your best source for learning more about the craft?
 - Describe what you used to cover any non-exposed Gingerbread.
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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 19, 2023

*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

- 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 the registration area. Carts are OGPI property and staff may request them back at any time to accommodate other competitors and hotel needs. 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.
- 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 registration packet with welcome materials, entry number cards, complimentary parking validation stickers and Competitor button(s). Parking stickers permit one standard vehicle, up to three hours of complimentary self-parking. Standard vehicle parking is subject to availability and is not guaranteed. See more details in the Vehicle Parking section.
- FORM PROCESSING** is located on Level 7 (ground level) near the Registration Desk. Here you will submit your Required Entry Description Summary for approval to be placed in the ballroom, along with your piece. Once approved, you will take your piece, approved Entry Description Summary and registration packet to Level 8. For past competitors, be advised there will NOT be any digital content submissions accepted.
 - Remain on Level 7 until a cart becomes available for transport to Level 8.
- 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. Triaging is not permitted once inside the Grand Ballroom.
- CONTENT CAPTURE STATION** is located on Level 8 (one level up from Registration). You and your entry will be photographed and filmed for media purposes, mandatory for all Competition entries. *Top 3 finalists from each category **must** be available directly following the awards ceremony on Monday, November 20 and must make best effort to be available on the morning of Tuesday, November 21 for additional video content needs.
- ENTRY PLACEMENT** in the Grand Ballroom (Level 8) is the final step. We ask that all competitors exit the Ballroom promptly after placing your piece, entry number card and Entry Description Summary at your staff-designated location. Only registered Competitors and/or Parents/Guardians of registered Competitors are permitted in the Grand Ballroom during entry placement. You are not permitted to view the other entries at this time in order to keep the registration process moving. Entries can be viewed briefly at the beginning and end of the Awards Ceremony on Monday, November 20, 2023.

COMPETITOR ROOM BLOCK RESERVATIONS

OGPI offers a discounted room rate to Competitors in The 2023 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 2023 Competitor Entry Form has been processed.

PLACING + PRIZES

This section has been updated from prior years, please read carefully.

OGPI will award the title of Grand Prize to one entry from the selected Adult Top Ten. One trophy per entry will be awarded to each First-Place winner of the Adult, Teen, Youth and Child categories. One ribbon per entry will be awarded to each Second and Third-place winner of the Adult, Teen, Youth and Child categories. One ribbon per entry will be awarded to each Top Ten winner of the

Adult, Teen, Youth and Child categories. One ribbon per entry will be awarded to each Chef Nicholas Lodge award recipient and the People's Choice Award: Best In Show recipient, see detailed information on prizes below.

Winners of prize checks are required to complete the appropriate tax forms prior to payment being issued. Prize checks will be made out to the individual winner or designated Team Captain and mailed to the address that is provided on the tax form.

ADULT CATEGORY

Grand Prize: \$7,500 prize check, a two-night Club Floor stay at OGPI in 2024, a two-night stay at any Omni Hotels & Resorts property, two spa day passes, dinner for two, daily breakfast for two and the grand prize trophy.

2nd Place: \$5,000 prize check, a two-night Mountain View stay at OGPI in 2024 including daily breakfast for two, dinner for two, two Spa Day Passes, and one ribbon.

3rd Place: \$2,500 prize check, a one-night Mountain View stay at OGPI in 2024 including breakfast and dinner for two, and one ribbon.

TEEN CATEGORY

1st Place: \$2,000 prize check, a two-night stay at any Omni Hotels & Resorts property*, dinner for four at EDISON craft ales + kitchen in 2024, and a trophy. **Anyone ages 18 and under must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.*

2nd Place: \$1,500 prize check and one ribbon.

3rd Place: \$1,000 prize check and one ribbon.

YOUTH CATEGORY

1st Place: \$1,000 prize check, a two-night stay at any Omni Hotels & Resorts property*, dinner for four at EDISON craft ales + kitchen in 2024, and a trophy. **Anyone ages 18 and under must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.*

2nd Place: \$750 prize check and one ribbon.

3rd Place: \$500 prize check and one ribbon.

CHILD CATEGORY

1st Place: \$500 prize check, a two-night stay at any Omni Hotels & Resorts property*, dinner for four at EDISON craft ales + kitchen in 2024, and a trophy. **Anyone ages 18 and under must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.*

2nd Place: \$350 prize check and one ribbon.

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

FURTHEST TRAVELED

The award for the Competitor who traveled the furthest distance with their entry is \$1,000 and one ribbon.

Based on mileage; may be asked to provide valid proof of address. Payment will be issued in U.S. currency only; copy of valid tax ID form required. May be asked to provide U.S. mailing address.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: BEST IN SHOW

Before the Awards Ceremony on Monday, November 20, ONLY registered Competitors will be given a limited amount of time to review each entry and select one winner across all four categories. One entry grants you one vote. Competitors will receive a unique voting ticket in their Competitor Packet on Registration Day. Competitors participating in People's Choice voting must present their unique voting ticket at the door of the Awards Ceremony in exchange for a valid voting card. Only individual competitors and team captains (on behalf of the team) are permitted to view the entries and submit one vote. All other registered competitors, family and friends must remain seated while voting is in progress. Award Ceremony attendees must be in their seats by 6pm. The recipient of this award will receive \$2,000 and one ribbon.

CHEF NICHOLAS LODGE AWARDS

The judging panel will recognize one entry per award below across all four categories. Each recipient will receive one \$150 prize check and a ribbon, one per entry.

- Best Use of Color
- Best Use of Sprinkles
- Longest Standing Competitor
- Most Unique Ingredient
- Pop Culture Star
- Most Innovative Structure

THE 2023 NATIONAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY

PUBLIC VIEWING

The official 2023 Gingerbread Display begins on Monday, November 27, 2023 and will continue through Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

The Omni Grove Park Inn invites guests that are not staying overnight at the Resort to view the display after 4:00 pm on Sundays or anytime Monday through Thursday, based on parking availability and excluding holidays and the following dates: December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1.

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. Please note that only registered resort pets will be permitted. No outside pets will be allowed.

VEHICLE PARKING

Complimentary parking validation stickers are distributed on site as part of the registration packet. Parking stickers permit one standard vehicle, up to three hours of complimentary self-parking during the designated public viewing dates. Standard vehicle parking is subject to availability and is not guaranteed. See details bulleted below.

- If you are a drive-on guest over Competition weekend, you will find three (3) parking validation stickers with unique barcodes that are valid only: 1) Sunday, November 19th 2) Monday, November 20th 3) Valid for a future date to view the display.
- If you are an in-house guest over Competition weekend, you will only find one (1) parking validation sticker with a unique barcode to be used for a future date to view the display as your parking on Sunday, November 19th and Monday, November 20th will be comped with your room reservation.
- Validation stickers will not be re-issued and no extras will be distributed, no exceptions.

OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING

Due to limited oversized vehicle parking space, groups visiting the hotel with an oversized vehicle to view the Gingerbread Display must make advanced reservations with the Special Events departments to arrange special parking and may be eligible to reserve parking on the following dates only: November 27, 28, 29, 30, December 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21. Competitor parking validation stickers 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 <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/asheville-grove-park/things-to-do/gingerbread/national-gingerbread-competition> to complete the **2023 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. Reservation requests will be accepted as of August 1, 2023.

For those interested in Group Dining Reservations as part of their visit, please visit <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/asheville-grove-park/things-to-do/gingerbread/national-gingerbread-competition> to complete the **2023 Holiday Season Oversized Vehicle Parking Request Form for Group Dining Reservations**. Reservation requests will be accepted as of August 1, 2023. 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 10am and 6pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 or Thursday, January 4, 2024. Entries remaining will be discarded beginning at 7pm on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Additional pickup dates and times may be offered pending inclement weather in the Asheville area.

COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM | REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES | DEADLINE: November 13, 2023

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: ____ / ____ / ____

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

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

If you are entering as a team, please provide the full name and age of each additional competitor:

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?

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I must submit my Competitor Entry Form in digital form, email or direct mail no later than 5pm ET on Monday, November 13, 2023.
2. I must submit a printed copy of my required Entry Description Summary at registration on Sunday, November 19, 2023.
3. I must deliver my completed entry to OGPI on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at the time assigned to my division.
4. I acknowledge that if selected as a Top 3 finalist from my category, I must make best effort to be available following the Awards Ceremony on Monday, November 20, 2023 and on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 for additional video content needs.
5. I acknowledge that my entry will remain on display during the OGPI holiday season through January 2, 2024. My entry may not be picked up prior to January 3, 2024.
6. I must pick up my entry between the hours of 10am and 6pm on Wednesday, January 3 or Thursday, January 4, 2024. Entries remaining will be discarded beginning at 7pm on Thursday, January 4, 2024.
7. By voluntarily participating in the Competition, I've consented to receiving email communication from the hotel about the Competition itself and future Competition planning/media requests as they arise. Competitors may unsubscribe at any time by alerting the hotel of their preference.
8. 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, video 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.
9. 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 2023 National Gingerbread House Competition™ and have fully read the Official 2023 Rules and Procedures.
 Any/all Competitors submitted as a contributors have parent/guardian permission to participate in the 2023 competition.

Signature of Entrant / Team Captain: _____ Date: _____

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

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

