Gingerbread House Competition

Entry Form

A fundraiser supporting Glenwood Springs Historical Society.

Celebration Display: Hotel Colorado's Roosevelt Room, November 27, 2026, from 1:00-9:00 p.m.

Contestant Information

Name(s) (Individual or Two-Person Team): _____

Contact Person (if team): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Category (check one)

☐ Adult – Age 18 and older (<u>not</u> employed as culinary professional); any size base allowed, but no larger than 24" x 24". First place wins $200.

☐ Teen – Age 13-17; any size base allowed, but no larger than 24" x 24". First place wins $100.

☐ Kid – Age 12 and younger; any size base allowed, but no larger than 24" x 24". First place wins $50.

Send the completed entry form to director@glenwoodhistory.org, by mail to 1001 Colorado Ave, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, or drop off at the museum. Questions? Email or call 970-945-4448.

Two Ways to Win!

Judges' Choice: Your creation will be reviewed by a community panel of judges that will select a winner or winners in each age group. Cash and other prizes will be awarded.

People's Choice: While the creations are displayed at Hotel Colorado, anyone can vote for their favorites by making a cash donation of any amount into a jar designated for that creation. Donations benefit Glenwood Springs Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and the most money donated wins People's Choice. Repeat voting is allowed and encouraged. Cash and other prizes will be awarded.

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Competition Requirements and Information

Please initial each item below to confirm your understanding.

_____ All entries must be accompanied by a brief, hand-written or printed description of your design and/or its inspiration that fits on a 5" x 8" card. This will be displayed with your creation. Bring this with your entry to Hotel Colorado on November 27. Entries that replicate a Glenwood Springs building or landmark from the past or the present is encouraged.

_____ Design must be original and not utilize a gingerbread house "kit." Team entries are limited to two people.

_____ Gingerbread is encouraged but not required; other food items such as graham crackers and cookies may be substituted.

_____ 80% of the creation must be edible, including icing, gingerbread, cookies, candies, and other embellishments. All elements must be adhered to the creation using icing or other method. No powdered sugar.

_____ Only non-perishable decorations (gingerbread, royal icing, candies, fondant, cookies, etc.) may be used. No perishable ingredients are allowed (cream cheese, buttercream, fresh fruit, dairy fillings, etc.). Royal icing or another stiff, non-perishable icing is required, and a sample recipe is available at www.GlenwoodHistory.org. Edible sealants are permitted. Refrigeration is not possible and any deteriorating entries will be discarded as needed.

_____ Bases must be sturdy, using thick cardboard, wood, or similar material; base decoration will be considered in Judge's Choice award.

_____ The registration form must be submitted before November 23, 2026.

_____ Creations must be delivered to Hotel Colorado's Roosevelt Room between Noon and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 27th. Please use the hotel's east entrance. Remember your description. The Roosevelt Room will be open for free public viewing and voting by 1:00 p.m. on November 27th. People's Choice voting will be possible until 8:30 p.m.

_____ Winning entries will be moved to ANB Bank on Grand Avenue by historical society staff for additional viewing through Friday, December 11. Any creations not retrieved (deadline TBA) will be discarded.