



THE RITZ-CARLTON®
HALF MOON BAY

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Fourth Annual Gingerbread House Contest

Official Rules and Entry Form

Deadline for Entry Forms is Thursday, November 29, 2007

Please fill out two copies of this entry form, mail one copy to the following name and address by Thursday, November 29, and attach/submit the other copy of your Entry Form with your Gingerbread House entry. (Please see Official Rules on reverse side for Gingerbread House submission dates.)

Mail one copy to: Shelly Auyeung, Public Relations, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay, One Miramontes Point Road, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. You may also fax it to (650) 712-7809.

Full Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Entry Title _____

Entry Category (Please check one):

_____ Children 12 and under (Age: _____)

_____ Home Cooks

_____ Culinary Students and Professional Chefs

Name of School or Restaurant/Business _____)

_____ Please check here to DONATE your Gingerbread House to the Silent Auction benefiting Coastside Children's Programs on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

_____ Please add my name and address to the special event mailing list for The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay.

For use by The Ritz-Carlton: Entry # _____ Auction Item # _____
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By signing below, I hereby authorize The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay (RCHMB) and Coastside Children's Programs (CCP) to publicly display my entry into the Gingerbread House Contest for the duration (December 4, 2007 through December 10, 2007). I agree that RCHMB and CCP may photograph and videotape my entry during and in connection with the contest and that RCHMB and CCP will be the exclusive owner of the results and proceeds of such photography and taping, with rights throughout the world, an unlimited amount of times and in perpetuity. I release RCHMB and CCP, and any of their employees, volunteers or vendors, from any and all liability should my entry be damaged or destroyed during the duration of the contest and silent auction.

Entrant's Signature _____ Date _____

If entrant is a minor, parent or legal guardian's signature _____ Date _____

(Please see reverse for Official Rules)

OFFICIAL RULES

ENTRY CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY

The three categories in the Gingerbread House Contest include:

Children, 12 and Under – any child aged 12 or under may enter the contest

Home Cooks – for those aged 13 and over who are not professional chefs or in culinary school

Professional Chefs and Culinary School Students – for those working professionally in the culinary arts or currently enrolled in culinary school

All entries are invited to donate their gingerbread house, whether it wins an award or not, to Coastside Children's Programs for the silent auction at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

ENTRY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All gingerbread houses must measure a maximum of 3'x3'x3' and be supported by a strong, flat base that is fully transportable. To qualify, all materials used in the gingerbread houses must be edible, with the exception of the support structure or frame, lighting, and the base. A completed entry form is required for each creation. The deadline for entry forms is Thursday, November 29, 2007, without exception. Entering the contest is complimentary. Individuals or groups may submit entries, although each entry must have one official entrant name, title and authorized signature on an entry form. The contest is limited to one entry per person or group.

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Entries will be accepted at the main entrance of The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay at One Miramontes Point Road in Half Moon Bay, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, November 30 through Monday, December 3. Houses entered after 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3 will not be eligible for judging, but may still be displayed and entered into the silent auction. Entrants are responsible for transporting their gingerbread house to the hotel. All entries will be on display at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay from Tuesday, December 4 through Sunday, December 9, 2007. All entries not donated to Coastside Children's Programs must be picked up from the hotel by 5 p.m. Monday, December 10, or they will be discarded or donated to charity.

JUDGING

Judging of all gingerbread house entries in all categories and prize levels will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2007. Each entry will be assigned a number to ensure unbiased judging.

Pastry chefs from The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay will lead a group of judges in selecting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. Criteria include structural design, creative use of materials, detailing, and overall excellence. Members of the public are invited to cast their ballots for the People's Choice Award in each category. Announcement of all winners will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2007 at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay's annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. All decisions are final.

CONTEST PRIZES

Each qualifying gingerbread house entered into the contest is eligible for the following prizes, which will be awarded to the winner in person or by mail if entrant is not at awards ceremony:

Children, 12 and under: 1st – \$200; 2nd - \$150, 3rd – \$100; People's Choice – \$50.

Home Cooks: 1st – One Overnight Stay in Coastal View Room and Chef's Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio; 2nd – Chef's Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio; 3rd – Admission for two to any two "Inside the Kitchen" cooking class from January through April 2008; People's Choice – Two 60-minute treatments of choice in The Ritz-Carlton Spa.

Professional Chefs and Culinary School Students: 1st – Admission for two to the 2007 New Year's Eve Gala; 2nd – One Overnight Stay in a Coastal View Room; 3rd – Chef's Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio; People's Choice – Two 60-minute treatments of choice in The Ritz-Carlton Spa.

Prizes cannot be exchanged and are subject to change.