BUILD, BAKE & DAZZLE!

Oaklea Mansion • 2026 Gingerbread House Competition



A little frosting, a lot of imagination, and a chance to win!

Whether you're a first-time builder or a gingerbread pro, we want to see what you can create! Dream up a cozy cottage, a grand mansion, a favorite landmark, or something wonderfully unexpected. There's room for every kind of imagination!

CASH PRIZES for the top 3 entries in each age category • Grand prize may include a complimentary Oaklea Mansion stay • Fun specialty awards, too!

YOUR COMPETITION ENTRY

Please complete all fields. Choose one age category AND one style category.

AGE CATEGORY (choose one)

☐ Adult (19+) ☐ Youth (ages 5–18)

STYLE CATEGORY (choose one)

☐ Traditional ☐ Non-Traditional

ENTRY TITLE / NAME OF YOUR CREATION: _____

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Age (if under 18): _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent / Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

By signing below, I agree to the following terms:

1. I will deliver my completed entry to Oaklea Mansion Bed and Breakfast on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, or by prior appointment.

2. I understand my entry will be displayed December 17–19, 2026, during Oaklea Mansion Holiday Tours.

3. I will pick up my entry on Monday, December 21, 2026, following the display / awards period, or make other arrangements in advance. Entries not picked up within the designated window may be discarded unless other arrangements are made.

4. I hereby grant permission to Oaklea Mansion Bed and Breakfast 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 Oaklea Mansion. Permission is also granted to Oaklea Mansion to transport my entry while understanding that at no time does Oaklea Mansion guarantee the safety or security of my entry and cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred to my entry on or off Oaklea's property. By participating, each competitor agrees to be bound by all Rules and Procedures herein, which may be amended from time to time. Oaklea Mansion Bed and Breakfast reserves the right to refuse entries that are deemed inappropriate for display in its facilities, 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.

5. I agree to HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, DEFEND, AND INDEMNIFY, OAKLEA MANSION, their employees, representatives, officers, directors, members, and partners (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 Oaklea Mansion. 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 2026 Oaklea Mansion Gingerbread House Competition and confirm that I have fully read the Official Rules & Procedures. I confirm that any youth participant has parent/guardian permission to participate.

Official rules: www.oakleamansion.com/gingerbreadhousecompetition

Participant / Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questions or entries: oakleamansionbb@gmail.com • (903) 342-6051

THE SWEET DETAILS

2026 OFFICIAL RULES & PROCEDURES

1. WHO CAN ENTER?

Competitors must submit a completed 2026 Entry Form before or during the designated drop-off window. Please submit your form ahead of time by email if possible. Updates and correspondence will be sent by email. Participants under 18 require parent/guardian consent and age disclosure. Oaklea Mansion reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

2. CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORIES

AGE CATEGORY — Adult: 19 years and older; Youth: ages 5 through 18.

STYLE CATEGORY — Traditional: classic gingerbread designs; Non-Traditional: creative and unique structures.

Each entry must be registered in one age category and one style category.

3. LET THE TOUR GUESTS DECIDE!

No judging panel this year! Visitors attending Oaklea Mansion Holiday Tours December 17·19, 2026, will vote for their favorite gingerbread creations. Each entry will be on display for guests to admire and choose their favorites. Tell your friends, invite your family, and encourage everyone to come enjoy the tours and cast their votes. Let the best creation win!

Entries can be traditional or wonderfully unexpected·any building or structure is welcome! Creativity, craftsmanship, and presentation can all help make your creation a crowd favorite.

4. SIZE & BASE LIMITATIONS

• Mount your entry on a sturdy board base. • Entry and base together may not exceed 24 in. high × 24 in. wide × 24 in. long. • Total weight may not exceed 50 pounds.

THE SWEET DETAILS

2026 OFFICIAL RULES & PROCEDURES • CONTINUED

5. MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

• Everything above the base board must be 100% edible.

• The main structure must consist of at least 75% gingerbread or cookie, with some portions exposed.

• Approved edible materials include fondant, gum paste, royal icing, chocolate, modeling chocolate, gelatin, pressed sugar, and unwrapped candies.

• Prohibited: artificial display components such as Styrofoam, interior electric lighting, wiring, or sound components. Candies may not contain non-edible sticks (such as lollipop sticks). Entries with unapproved items are disqualified from awards.

• Entries must be constructed solely by the registered competitor(s). Youth participants may receive adult supervision strictly for safety precautions, such as oven or stovetop operation.

• Entries using non-edible materials may be displayed during tours but will not be eligible for competition awards.

6. DROP-OFF & EVENT SCHEDULE

Drop-off location: Oaklea Mansion Bed and Breakfast, 407 S. Main St., Winnsboro, Texas 75494. Competitors or their designees are responsible for carrying and placing entries inside. Staff cannot assist with moving pieces. A completed Entry Form must accompany each entry.

• Wednesday, December 16, 2026 — Entry drop-off: 10:00 AM–1:00 PM (or by prior appointment)

• December 17–19, 2026 — Public display during Oaklea Mansion Holiday Tours

· December 17·19, 2026 · Tour guests vote for their favorites

· Winners & prizes announced after voting concludes

• Monday, December 21, 2026 — Entry pick-up following tour conclusion / by arrangement

7. PRIZES & PICK-UP

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three submissions in each age category. The grand prize may include a complimentary stay at Oaklea Mansion. Specialty awards may also be presented, such as Best Movie Theme, Most Colorful, Most Outside-the-Box, and Most Comedic. Entries not picked up during the designated window may be discarded unless prior arrangements are confirmed.

✂ DETACH THIS TAG & AFFIX IT TO THE BASE OF YOUR ENTRY

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Entry Title: _____

Competitor Full Name: _____

Age: _____ Age Category: ☐ Adult (19+) ☐ Youth (5–18)

Style: ☐ Traditional ☐ Non-Traditional

Parent / Guardian (if applicable): _____

Phone / Email: _____