

**Grab your sugar, spice, and everything nice –  
and run, run, fast as you can.... to enter the**



# Gingerbread **FIRE**house Contest & Exhibition

**HOSTED BY THE AURORA REGIONAL FIRE MUSEUM**

The Aurora Regional Fire Museum will host a gingerbread FIREhouse contest, exhibition, and charity raffle for the holidays.

Participants are invited to compete in one of three categories:

- **Individuals:** entries made by teen-aged children (13+) and/or adults acting alone.
- **Families and Groups:** a single entry that has been created by two or more individuals. (IE: a gingerbread FIREhouse made by children with adult supervision, or a FIREhouse constructed by an organization, club, or groups of adults)
- **Professionals:** an entry produced by a baker, designer, architect, or any individual or group with professional baking experience.

The exhibit opens, and the entries will be judged on Saturday, November 28. Cash and prizes will be awarded for both Peoples Choice and Judges Choice in each category.

Read the complete contest rules and procedures printed on the reverse of this flyer, and fill out the attached entry form – or enter online at:

*[www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org/gingerbread](http://www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org/gingerbread)*

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**Sat. Nov. 7**  
Gingerbread  
FIREhouse Contest  
registration forms  
are due

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**Tues. Nov. 24**  
All gingerbread  
FIREhouses to be  
delivered to the  
museum

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**Sat. Nov. 28**  
Exhibit opening and  
contest judging

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**Fri. Dec. 18**  
Raffle winners  
announced

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**Sat. Dec. 19**  
Exhibit closes  
and gingerbread  
FIREhouses may be  
picked up from the  
museum

# Rules and Procedures for the Aurora Regional Fire Museum's Gingerbread FIREhouse CONTEST

## **ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:**

- All entries must depict a firefighting themed architectural structure, real or imaginary — IE: a firehouse, burning building, etc.
- The Aurora Regional Fire Museum (ARFM) reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.
- Except for the base, entries must be made from 100% edible materials. All walls and roofs should be made primarily of gingerbread. Edible materials are not limited to sweets. No artificial display materials, such as cardboard, wood, plastic, styro-foam or interior lighting are to be used. Candy must be unwrapped and free of any inedible materials (such as lollipop sticks).
- All entries must be affixed to a sturdy base, (1/4 inch plywood is suggested). The overall size of you entry – FIREhouse combined with a base – must not be greater than 24" by 24".
- The competition is open to all area residents and businesses on an "as space allows" basis.
- All completed entry forms (along with entry fee) must be received no later than Nov. 7, 2009. Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Entry forms may be obtained and submitted online at:  
[www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org](http://www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org).
- The entry form must be signed by the individual entering the competition. For families/groups, please complete one entry form for the group which includes a parent's or team captain's name along with a separate list of each team members' first and last name. A signature from a parent or legal guardian will be required for each team member under the age of 18. The parent or team captain will be the recipient of any prizes, and it is their responsibility to distribute (or split) any prize.
- Participants may choose to donate their entry to be raffled off on Dec. 18, 2009 with all proceeds benefiting the ARFM.

- All entries should be delivered to the ARFM on Tuesday November 24, 2009 during the hours of 10am and 4pm, (unless pre-arranged with the museum's staff). All entries will remain on display at the ARFM through Dec. 19, 2009. Entries may not be picked up before Dec. 19, 2009. Any entries unclaimed by Dec. 23 shall become the property of the ARFM.
- The ARFM reserves the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes.

## **IDENTIFICATION and DESCRIPTION:**

- Please print your name, address, and contact information on the underside of your base.
- Include with your gingerbread FIREhouse, a separate sheet of paper that lists your name(s), address, phone, e-mail, title of your house, the division you have entered, and also briefly describe the materials and construction process.

## **JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA:**

- Awards and prizes will be given in the following three categories: Individuals, Families & Groups, and Professionals.
- Entries will be judged in the following criteria: Adherence to Theme; Creativity and Originality; Level of Precision and Skill; and Overall Appearance
- Judging will take place from 1-4pm on Saturday Nov. 28, 2009. Winners will be announced that day.
- All rulings by the judges are independent and final, and are in no way influenced by the ARFM. Guest judges will represent three professions: culinary arts, architecture, and the fire service.

## **QUESTIONS:**

Contact the Aurora Regional Fire Museum  
[www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org](http://www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org)  
(630) 892-1572 • [ARFMinfo@aol.com](mailto:ARFMinfo@aol.com)

# Entry Form for the Gingerbread



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Name (if entering as a family or group, then enter the parent's or team captain's name, and list the other participants separately)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone (daytime)

Phone (evening)

e-Mail address (NOTE: in order to minimize our costs, most of our correspondence about this contest will be via email)

I have read and agree to the rules and procedures of the Aurora Regional Fire Museum's Gingerbread FIREhouse Contest.

I understand that to be eligible for competition, I must return my entry form and fee in person, online, or by mail no later than November 7, 2009. I also understand that I must deliver my completed gingerbread entry to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, on or before Tuesday, November 24.

Signature

Date

## I wish to enter as:

- an INDIVIDUAL:** an entry made by a teen-aged child (13+) or adult acting alone.  
\$10 entry fee
- a FAMILY or GROUP:** a single entry that has been created by two or more individuals. (IE: made by children with adult supervision, or constructed by an organization, club, or group of adults).  
\$15 entry fee
- a PROFESSIONAL:** an entry produced by a baker, designer, architect, or any individual or group with professional baking experience.  
\$20 entry fee

## When the contest is over, I will:

- DONATE my entry** to be raffled off on Dec. 18, with all proceeds benefiting the Aurora Regional Fire Museum
- KEEP my entry** and I agree to pick it up on or after Dec. 19, 2009. I also understand any entries unclaimed by Dec 23, 2009 will become the property of the ARFM.
- DECIDE LATER**, ask me when I drop off my entry on or before Nov. 24.

**Please mail or hand deliver this entry form, along with a check payable to the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, on or before Sat. November 7, 2009. For your convenience, this application (and entry fee) can be submitted online at: [www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org/gingerbread](http://www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org/gingerbread)**

the Aurora Regional Fire Museum is located at the corner of New York & Broadway (Rt. 25) in downtown Aurora, IL • open Thurs., Fri., and Sat. from 1 to 4pm • PO Box 1782 • Aurora, IL 60507 • (630) 892-1572