CAMBRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST 2026

Let the Holiday Creativity Begin!

The Cambria Chamber of Commerce is excited to invite you to participate in our Annual Gingerbread House Contest!

Whether you're an experienced gingerbread artist, a creative family, a local business, or simply someone who loves the magic of the holidays, we invite you to showcase your creativity and holiday spirit.

Bring your sweetest creations to life and help us make this year's contest a memorable part of the holiday season in Cambria!

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 23, 2026

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DROP-OFF: Monday, November 30, 2026 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

PUBLIC VOTING: December 1–4, 2026

HOLIDAYS AT THE CHAMBER: Thursday, December 3, 2026 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Come enjoy the gingerbread house displays during our Holidays at the Chamber event!

WINNERS ANNOUNCED: Saturday, December 5, 2026

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PICKUP: Saturday, December 5, 2026 no later than 1:00 PM

DROP-OFF & PICKUP LOCATION:

Cambria Chamber of Commerce 767 Main Street Cambria, CA 93428

CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

Please read all rules carefully before submitting your entry.

1. **One Entry Per Participant:** All ages are welcome! Individuals, families, schools, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to participate.
2. **No Gingerbread Kits Allowed:** Gingerbread structures must be handmade. Store-bought candy and edible decorations are permitted.
3. **Entry Base Requirements:** All gingerbread houses must be mounted on a solid wood (plywood) board measuring exactly 18" x 18". The board must be incorporated into the overall design by painting it a festive color or covering it with decorative material.
4. **Size Requirements:** Gingerbread houses may not exceed 30 inches in height. Each house
5. **Identification:** Please include the participant's name and business name, if applicable, with your entry.
6. **100% Edible Creations:** All parts of the gingerbread house and surrounding landscape must be edible. The wooden base is the only exception.
7. **No Artificial Elements:** Styrofoam, plastic trees, figurines, cardboard, or other artificial decorative elements are not permitted. Gingerbread construction should be handmade as much as possible. Store-bought candy is allowed for decorating.
8. **Entry Delivery:** All entries must be delivered to the Cambria Chamber of Commerce on Monday, November 30, 2026, between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Entries must be fully assembled and ready for display upon arrival.

9. **Entry Fee:** A $20 non-refundable entry fee is required per entry.
10. **Public Voting:** Public voting will take place December 1–4, 2026. Community members and visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite gingerbread house. Voting will close December 4, 2026 at 4pm.
11. **Judging & Awards:** First, second, and third place awards will be presented for Best Overall. Entries will be recognized for creativity, originality, overall appearance, and craftsmanship. Winners will be announced on Saturday, December 5, 2026. Winners will receive prize ribbons for their display.
12. **Display & Viewing:** All gingerbread houses will be displayed at the Cambria Chamber of Commerce during the contest.
13. **Mandatory Entry Pickup:** All gingerbread houses must be picked up no later than Saturday, December 5, 2026, by 1:00 PM at the Cambria Chamber of Commerce. Any entries not collected by 1:00 PM will be discarded. The Chamber is not responsible for entries left beyond the pickup deadline.

OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION

Gingerbread House Contest 2026

Thank you for entering the Cambria Chamber of Commerce Gingerbread House Contest!

Please complete the application below and return it by November 23, 2026.

Completed applications may be submitted by email or in person at the Cambria Chamber of Commerce office.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Participant Name: _____

Business / Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ENTRY INFORMATION

Name of Gingerbread Creation (optional): _____

Brief Description of Your Gingerbread Creation:

ENTRY FEE

Entry Fee: $20 (Non-refundable)

Payment Method: _____

PHOTO RELEASE & LIABILITY AGREEMENT

The Cambria Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to photograph and use photographs of any entry and/or participant for advertising, promotional, and editorial purposes without compensation. Photographs become the property of the Chamber.

Submission of an entry constitutes the participant's consent to the use of their name and entry photographs for publicity and promotional purposes.

The Cambria Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for damage to or loss of entries. Participants understand that entries are displayed at their own risk.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all contest rules and requirements.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

(Parent/Guardian signature required if entrant is under 18.)

Date: _____

QUESTIONS OR APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS?

Cambria Chamber of Commerce

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We can't wait to see your sweet creations and celebrate the holiday season with you!

Thank you for supporting the Cambria community!