

The Westin Verasa Napa and La Toque Restaurant's Fourth Annual Gingerbread House Contest

December 14, 2014

1314 McKinstry Street, Napa, CA, 94559

CONTEST RULES AND REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for entering The Westin Verasa Napa and La Toque Restaurant's Fourth Annual Gingerbread House Contest! If you have any questions regarding the contest entry or rules please contact, Megan Menicucci at (707) 257-5157, or by email at, Megan@LaToque.com.

The following rules and procedures have been established by The Westin Verasa Napa and La Toque for the purpose of the 2014 Gingerbread House Contest. Please retain this document for your records.

ENTERING & QUALIFYING TO ENTER:

- To be eligible for the competition, a signed and completed entry form must be mailed or dropped off to the attention of Megan Menicucci prior to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2014, along with a check in the amount of \$25 made out to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley. One hundred percent of all entry fees will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley.
- Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of completed entry forms. All contestants will receive an email with entry number confirming their entry into the 2014 contest. Due to space, only a limited number of entries will be accepted into the contest.
- Registration form must be signed by the individual(s) entering the contest. If the individual is younger than the age of eighteen (18) by the date of the contest, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in conjunction with the minor's signature.
- Team entries are allowed under the following guidelines:
 - Please complete one (1) entry form for the team that includes only the team captain's contact information.
 - A separate typed list with of each additional team member's first and last name and age should be included with the team's entry form
 - A signature from a parent or legal guardian will still be required for each team member under 18 years of age
 - In the event a team entry places in the contest the team captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prize will be left to the team captain to determine
 - A team is defined as two (2) to five (5) individuals working on a single entry. No more than five individuals are allowed to work on a single entry

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ENTRY CATEGORIES:

- Professional Bakers (consists of participants currently working or have worked in a professional pastry kitchen within the last year)

- Amateur Bakers (consists of participants with no professional training or experience working in a professional kitchen)

SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION & DESCRIPTION:

- Entries must not exceed 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long, including the structure's base.
- Entries must be placed on a board base. Use of ½-inch or ¾-inch plywood is recommended.
- Name, address and entry number must be written on the underside of the base.
- Entries must include a typed one-page description highlighting any unique features and materials used in the construction process, as well as the name of the entry and the entry number. Contestants should not include their names on the description sheet.

MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION:

- Except for the base, entries must be constructed and composed completely out of edible materials with the main structure made mostly out of gingerbread; no gingerbread kits will be allowed.
- Bases must be completely concealed by an edible product; however, the sides of the base may be exposed or concealed with paint or ribbon or other material if preferred.
- Edible materials are not limited to sweets.
- No artificial display materials such as Styrofoam or interior lighting are to be used.
- Candies must be un-wrapped and free of any non-edible materials -- for example, lollipop sticks

DESIGN:

While The Westin Verasa Napa and La Toque's holiday contest is noted as a Gingerbread House Contest, entries are not limited to the classic gingerbread house structure; rather, contestants are encouraged to use creativity and originality in designing their structures as long as they keep within the contest's rules, regulations and judging criteria. The Westin Verasa Napa and La Toque reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

JUDGING PROCESS & CRITERIA:

Professional judging will be held on Sunday, December 14, from noon to 12:30 p.m. The judging panel will consist of local chefs, bakers and pastry chefs from dining destinations and establishments throughout the Napa Valley. The formal awards ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m., at which time winners will be announced. Entries will be judged separately in the amateur, student and professional categories on overall appearance, originality and creativity, choice and use of materials, difficulty, precision, and consistency of theme. Additionally, voting will be open to the general public from 12:30 to 2 p.m. for a Viewer's Choice Award in the three categories.

PLACING & PRIZES:

The Westin Verasa and La Toque will award a Grand Prize winner and Runner Up Professional, Student and Amateur categories. A prize will also be given for the People's Choice Award winner. Prize information is as follows:

- **Professional Grand Prize Award:** Dinner for two at La Toque and a one-night stay in a One-Bedroom Premium Suite at The Westin Verasa Napa.

- **Professional Runner Up Award:** Dinner for two at BANK Café and Bar.
- **Student Grand Prize Award:** Dinner for two at La Toque and a one-night stay in a One-Bedroom Premium Suite at The Westin Verasa Napa.
- **Student Runner Up Award:** Dinner for two at BANK Café and Bar.
- **Amateur Grand Prize Award:** Dinner for two at La Toque and a one-night stay in an Deluxe Room at The Westin Verasa Napa.
- **Amateur Runner Up Award:** Dinner for two at BANK Café and Bar.
- **Viewer's Choice Award:** Dinner for two at La Toque restaurant.

DELIVERY, DISPLAY & PICK-UP OF STRUCTURES:

- Completed entries must be delivered to The Westin Verasa Napa on Sunday, Dec. 14, between 10:30 a.m. and noon.
- Entries will be on display in the lobby of The Westin Verasa Napa beginning Sunday, December 14, and remain on display through Sunday, December 28, 2014.
- Entries must be picked up between 8 a.m. and noon on Sunday, December 28, 2014. Entries not picked up within the designated time period will be discarded, without exception, beginning the morning of Monday, December 29, 2014.