Gingerbread Bake-Off 2026
Rules and Guidelines

Categories:

Adult (scratch only)
Youth 11-17 (kits OR scratch)
Team/Family (kits OR scratch)

Prize Money!

Youth = $50 (kit or scratch, bonus points for scratch)
Adult = $100 (scratch only)
Team/Family = $100 (kit or scratch, bonus points for scratch)
People's Choice = $50
Best in Show = $200

Entries (free to enter):

~ Must be registered at drop off. Register online (*best option*) or by this downloadable form from VHF website (www.vahighlandsfestival.org).
~ Hard copy forms available at Appalachian Roots Trading Post in The Abingdon Commons.
~ Entries accepted at Appalachian Roots Trading Post in The Abingdon Commons from 10am-6pm, Nov. 30 through December 3.
~ Maximum size accepted: 16inch x 16inch x 16inch.
~ Must be built on a solid, non-flexible base (MAXIMUM base 18 inches square) with the provided ID cards taped both to the bottom AND the outside edge (cards available at Appalachian Roots Trading Post at drop-off).
~ Must be 95% edible. Small decorative pieces may be used but less than 5% of the overall design.
~ Public display launches Dec. 5 (exhibit judged Dec. 4).
~ Winners announced Dec. 5 at 5:15pm via FB live & Super Talk Radio.
~ All entries eligible for the People's Choice award via ballot vote at The Commons. Winner announced December 31.
~ ALL entries displayed through end of day January 3, 2026.
~ ALL entries must be picked up by Jan. 4 & 5, 10am-6pm.

Gingerbread Bake-Off Registration All fields MUST be filled out!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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EMAIL: _____

MOBILE: _____

CATEGORY (circle one):
Youth (11-17) Adult (18 & up) Team/Family

ENTRY TITLE: _____

KIT OR SCRATCH (circle one)