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HALF MOON BAY

**THE RITZ-CARLTON, HALF MOON BAY**  
**&**  
**COASTSIDE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**  
**Eighth Annual Gingerbread House Contest**  
***Official Rules and Entry Form***

**Deadline for Entry Forms is Wednesday, November 30, 2011**

*Please fill out two copies of this entry form, mail one copy to the following name and address by Wednesday, November 30, and attach/submit the other copy of your Entry Form with your Gingerbread House entry. (Please see Official Rules on page two for Gingerbread House submission dates.)*

*Mail one copy to: Ramona Alvarado at Coastside Children's Programs, 494 Miramontes Ave, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. You may also fax it to 650-726-5660 or email it to [ccp@coastsidechildren.org](mailto:ccp@coastsidechildren.org).*

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Category** (Please check one):

\_\_\_\_ Children 12 and under (Age: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ Home Cooks

\_\_\_\_ Culinary Students and Professional Chefs  
Name of School or Restaurant/Business \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ *Please check here to DONATE your Gingerbread House to the Silent Auction benefiting Coastside Children's Programs on Saturday, December 10, 2011.*

For use by Coastside Children's Programs: Entry # _____ Auction Item # _____
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By signing below, I hereby authorize The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay (RCHMB) and Coastside Children's Programs (CCP) to publicly display my entry into the Gingerbread House Contest for the duration (December 6, 2011 through December 10, 2011). I agree that RCHMB and CCP may photograph and videotape my entry during, and in connection with, the contest and that RCHMB and CCP will be the exclusive owner of the results and proceeds of such photography and taping, with rights throughout the world, an unlimited amount of times and in perpetuity. I release RCHMB and CCP, and any of their employees, volunteers or vendors, from any and all liability should my entry be damaged or destroyed during the duration of the contest and silent auction.

Entrant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If entrant is a minor, parent or legal guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Official Rules & Auction Guidelines

## ENTRY CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY

The three categories in the Gingerbread House Contest include:

- **Children, 12 and Younger** – any child aged 12 or younger may enter the contest
- **Home Cooks** – for those aged 13 and older who are not professional chefs or in culinary school
- **Professional Chefs and Culinary School Students** – for those working professionally in the culinary arts or currently enrolled in culinary school

All entries are invited to donate their gingerbread house, whether it wins an award or not, to Coastside Children's Programs for the silent auction at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

## ENTRY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All gingerbread houses must measure a maximum of 3'x3'x3' and be supported by a strong, flat base that is fully transportable. To qualify, all materials used in the gingerbread houses must be edible, with the exception of the support structure or frame, lighting and the base. A completed entry form is required for each creation. The deadline for entry forms is Wednesday, November 30, 2011 without exception. Entering the contest is complimentary. Individuals or groups may submit entries, although each entry must have one official entrant name, title and authorized signature on an entry form. The contest is limited to one entry per person or group. *Please fill out two copies of this entry form, mail one copy to the following name and address by Wednesday, November 30, and attach/submit the other copy of your Entry Form with your Gingerbread House entry. **Ramona Alvarado at Coastside Children's Programs, 494 Miramontes Ave, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. You may also fax it to 650-726-5660 or email it to [ccp@coastsidechildren.org](mailto:ccp@coastsidechildren.org).***

Entries will be accepted at the main entrance of The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay at One Miramontes Point Road in Half Moon Bay, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, December 3 through Monday, December 5. Houses entered after 3 p.m. on Monday, December 5 will not be eligible for judging, but may still be displayed and entered into the silent auction. Entrants are responsible for transporting their gingerbread house to the hotel. All entries will be on display at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay from Tuesday, December 6 starting at 1 p.m. through Saturday, December 10. All entries not donated to Coastside Children's Programs must be picked up from the Resort by 2 p.m. Monday, December 12, or they will be discarded or donated to charity.

Gingerbread house entries do not have to enter into the contest to be on display. Gingerbread house entries that are not a part of the contest are encouraged to participate in the gingerbread house auction which benefits Coastside Children's Program. If you wish to not participate in the contest and wish to donate your entry, please check off that you would **ONLY** like to donate your house to CCP under the category headline on page 1.

## JUDGING

Judging of all gingerbread house entries in all categories and prize levels will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011. Each entry will be assigned a number to ensure unbiased judging.

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay will lead a group of judges in selecting the overall winners in each category. Criteria include structural design, creative use of materials, detailing, and overall excellence. Members of the public are invited to cast their ballots for the People's Choice Award in each category. Announcement of all winners will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay's annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration. All decisions are final.

## AUCTION GUIDELINES

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Coastside Children's Programs – A nonprofit childcare agency, providing quality and learning skill development for coastside children.

Silent Auction will close at 5:30 p.m. and winning bids will be announced on December 10 during the Tree Lighting Celebration. Silent Auction check-out will be held in the main lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- Payment: Write clearly/legibly on your bidding sheet; all bids are final. Coastside Children's Programs will accept cash, check or credit card. Please send your payment directly to: Coastside Children's Programs, 494 Miramontes Avenue, Half Moon Bay, CA, 94019
- Pick-Up: Be prepared to take your gingerbread house with you on December 10, after the Tree Lighting. If you are unable to take the gingerbread house with you on December 10, the Resort will hold your home until 2 p.m. Monday, December 12, or it will be discarded or donated to charity.

## CONTEST PRIZES

Each qualifying gingerbread house entered into the contest is eligible for the following prizes, which will be awarded to the winner in person or by mail if entrant is not at awards ceremony:

- **Children, 12 and under:** 1<sup>st</sup> – \$100 AMEX gift card; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75 AMEX gift card, 3<sup>rd</sup> – \$50 AMEX gift card; People’s Choice – \$25 AMEX gift card.
- **Home Cooks:** 1<sup>st</sup> – One Overnight Stay in Coastal View Room and Chef’s Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio (exclusive of alcohol) ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chef’s Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio (exclusive of alcohol); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday Brunch for Two in Navio(exclusive of alcohol); People’s Choice – Sunday Brunch for Two in Navio(exclusive of alcohol)
- **Professional Chefs and Culinary School Students:** 1<sup>st</sup> – One Overnight Stay in a Coastal View Room and Chef’s Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio (exclusive of alcohol); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chef’s Tasting Dinner for Two in Navio (exclusive of alcohol); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday Brunch for two in Navio (exclusive of alcohol)
- **People’s Choice** – Sunday Brunch for two in Navio (exclusive of alcohol)

*Prizes cannot be exchanged and are subject to change.*