



2026 Historic Longstreet Farm Gingerbread Contest

“Star-Spangled Gingerbread”

This December, we invite you to add some star-spangled spice to Historic Longstreet Farm by competing in our Gingerbread Contest.

1. Registration for the “Star-Spangled Gingerbread” contest begins November 9 and ends November 23.
2. Entries will be accepted at the Longstreet Farm Visitor Center from November 30 through December 4, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. The main components of all entries must be constructed of gingerbread.
4. Design, bake, and decorate your gingerbread creation. Gingerbread kits are permitted as a starter, but we highly encourage kits to be transformed into your own unique creation.
5. Entries must be made entirely of edible materials (with the exception of the foundation). Entries with non-edible components will be disqualified.
6. All entries must be submitted on a sturdy foundation no larger than 24” x 24”; heavy cardboard, foam core, or wood are suitable materials. The base must support the weight of your gingerbread house without bowing to allow for transport and display. Historic Longstreet Farm is not responsible for damaged or broken gingerbread displays and will not maintain or repair entries.
7. Participants should use Royal Icing only (no buttercream as it will turn rancid). All materials used in the assembly and design must be displayable at room temperature for three (3) weeks.
8. Entries will be judged on December 5, 2026.
9. Contestants may enter in the following categories:
 - Individual Youth 10-17
 - Individual Adult 18 +
 - Family
 - Small group (Scout groups, church groups, and business organizations)
10. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Overall Appearance/Craftmanship
 - Use of Materials
 - Originality/Imagination
 - Complexity of Design
11. Entries will be on display in the Visitor Center classroom from December 5-13.
12. Entries can be picked up at the Longstreet Farm Visitor Center on December 14, 15, and 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Unclaimed entries become the property of the Monmouth County Park System.

Dates to Remember

- Registration: Each person entering must register between November 9 – 23.
- Drop-off: November 30 – December 4
- Judging: December 5
- All entries will be on display: December 5 – 13
- Pick-up: December 14, 15, and 16 between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.