



Cosplay Contest Rules

Eligibility

The contest is open to individuals 13 and older. Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to sign a waiver in order to participate.

Museum staff and volunteers may enter the contest, but are not eligible for prizes.

Costume Guidelines

The contest is open to characters from anime and manga. Original interpretations of characters are also allowed.

Nudity and illusory nudity are not allowed. All costumes must cover "swimsuit areas."

Costumes that are obscene, offensive, or culturally insensitive are prohibited, as are costumes that endorse or promote any form of hate or hate group. This includes race-facing (e.g. Blackface/Brownface) as well as costumes that replicate historic or current international or national tragedies.

Costumes may not promote alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing), any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous, or any political agenda or message.

No functioning weapons are permitted including guns, stun guns, projectile weapons, knives, blunt objects, etc. This also includes any explosives (including firecrackers, caps, fireworks)

No live steel is permitted on the premises. Live steel is defined as swords, knives, bayonets, cane-swords, and/or other objects made of metal, which can take an edge. This holds true regardless of whether the object is actually sharp. This includes star knives/shurikens.

Replica firearms (including air soft guns, BB guns, cap guns, paintball guns, and pellet guns) must be marked with an orange tip. Water guns are permitted as long as they are not loaded.



The Field Museum has the final say as to the appropriateness of any costume, and reserves the right to prohibit participation in the contest for any reason. Museum staff reserves the right to inspect and remove any prop or weapon at any time.

Rules for Participation

Entrants must provide their name along with their preferred 'stage name' or 'cosplay character' upon sign up. Finalists will be called to the stage where they will line up to be introduced to the audience and evaluated by the judges.

- Contestants must arrive in costumes and are responsible for their own belongings. No dressing area will be provided
- Walk-on music will be selected by the Field Museum.
- No profanity, sexual humor, political, religious, or insulting statements, or other demonstrations are allowed on stage. This includes messages on signs or clothes. • Shoes must be worn at all times.
- No confetti, glitter, flower petals, water, silly string, aerosol sprays, other items that could make a mess are allowed.
- Projectiles, pyrotechnics or special effects such as fireworks, flash paper, or smoke machines are not allowed.
- No food, live animals, or remote-control devices are allowed. Any power required must be part of the costume design.
- Contestants may not throw anything off the stage or into the audience.

Anything brought on stage must leave with the contestant.

Anyone who violates these rules will be disqualified from the Contest and required to leave the Museum. The Field Museum reserves the right to remove anyone from this event at any time. If for any reason Museum staff feels that actions pose a threat or hazard to others, we will ask you to stop or you will be removed from the event.

Judging

Costumes will be judged based on the following elements:

1. Quality of Materials
2. Accuracy to Source Character
3. Presentation Effort

The judges' decisions are final.



Awards will be announced after the final contests present their costumes to the audience and judges.

Prizes

Three (3) winners will be selected.

1st Place:

Digital Portrait by Chicago Artist Kyomi (ARV \$200)

Two (2) tickets to the Field Museum (ARV \$80)

2nd Place:

Two (2) tickets to the Field Museum (ARV \$80)

3rd Place:

Exhibition poster and stickers selected by the Field Museum (ARV \$40)

Tickets awarded include general admission and admission to one (1) temporary exhibition of your choice. Tickets may not be returned, exchanged, or transferred. Tickets must be redeemed within one (1) year of the date of receipt, subject to availability and the temporary exhibition schedule. See the Field Museum website for up-to-date information on operating days/hours and available temporary exhibitions.

Limitations of Liability

The Field Museum is not responsible for: (1) any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by entrants, typographical errors, printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the contest; (2) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the contest; (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the contest or the processing of entries; or (5) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrant's participation in the contest or receipt or use or misuse of any prize.