GirlCon Costume Contest

**Contest Categories:**

**Junior – Handmade**

**Junior – Off the rack**

**Cadette – Handmade**

**Cadette – Off the rack**

**Senior/Ambassador – Handmade**

**Senior/Ambassador – Off the rack**

**Adult/Staff/Volunteer**

**Prizes will be awarded in each category and one best overall**

Judges will be looking for costumes that display the most outstanding Quality, Accuracy, Effort, and Presentation.

* Costumes of all shapes and sizes are allowed: Superheroes, supervillans, princesses, puppies, fairies, pirates, robots, and Jedis are all welcome! Judges will be looking for the sparkliest, most colorful, craziest, well crafted and creative costumes.

**Costume Contest Judging Criteria**

* **Quality**  
  What we look at: If your costume is handmade or store bought, we look at the stitching, material and fit. If you have compiled your costume from things found around the house, we look at how you have modified them, how you paired them and how creative you were. We also take into account, wig styling and make-up.
* **Accuracy**  
  What we look at: We will be checking how faithful your costume, hair, make-up and props are to the character you’re dressing as.
* Tips: Print out a picture of your character showing the full costume. Do mention any variations or specific versions you took into account. If what you’re dressing as is not an existing character, mention at least a point of reference or inspiration.
* **Presentation**  
  What we look at: The goal of the costume is to look as much like your character as possible, this includes body motions and phrases you say. Those who act in character will score higher than those who do not.
* **Effort**  
  What we look at: We will try and determine how hard each person had to work to complete his costume, find a rare prop, style the appropriate wig or do his make-up.
* Tips: Make sure to tell the judges how long you worked on compiling your costume and point out details that required effort to complete.

\*\*Please bring an index card with your name, age, category and any info about your costume that you would like for the judges to know.

**Costume Guidelines**

* Costumes from all genres of fandom and non-cosplay Halloween costumes are acceptable. Handmade and self-constructed costumes are highly encouraged but not necessary.
* Please have any makeup or costuming done before the event.
* All costumes must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages.
  + Nudity or any illusion to it is prohibited. Contestants must be covered like a one piece bathing suit covers.
  + All contestants must wear clothing (shorts, skirt, etc) that completely covers their behind.
* Shoes, boots, slippers, or plastic type foot prosthetics are required (socks are not considered foot coverings.) If your character does not wear shoes, the lack of accuracy in your costume will be forgiven.
* Makeup, body paint or face paint should not come off in casual contact.
* No open carry of firearms. Costume weapons must be made of foam or plastic.
* For safety reasons, the following props are not allowed:
  + Live animals (with the exception of service animals)
  + Substances that might damage or stain facilities or other costumes and participants (i.e. fake blood, glitter, confetti, silly string, water, messy body or face paint etc.)
  + Aerosol Sprays (Please apply hairspray or hair color before you leave home)
  + Projectiles of any kind. Don't throw anything.
  + Flames, pyrotechnics or explosives of any kind.
  + Please, no metal bats, large wrenches or shovels. (Foam is fine!)
* **GSNCA staff have the right to modify these rules on the spot to protect conference attendees and the safety of the event.**

**Contest Guidelines**

* Contestants must register online prior to the event, all contest info will go to the email with which you registered.
* Contestants will have 45 seconds to complete the catwalk. This is enough time to walk to the end of the catwalk, strike a pose and walk back.
* Swearing, sexual humor, flashing, extreme political or religious statements or other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Contestants engaging in such behavior will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event.
* For safety reasons, no running, jumping, or acrobatics.
* Throwing props is not allowed.
* Awards will be presented shortly after each group. Prizes must be claimed on-site and winners must be present to win.