

May the 4th Be With You Cosplay Contest

Registration Info

- There is a limit of 50 entries in the Cosplay Contest. There will be two categories; an Adult Division (ages 13 & up) and Kids Division (ages 12 & under).
- Cosplay contest sign-ups open at 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at The Pavilion, 200 S. Ohio Avenue. You must include a complete address, phone number, and email address at time of sign-up.
- When signing up, you will be asked for your real name, the character you are cosplaying, a phonetic spelling of that character, and the series in which the character is represented.
- For the Kids Division, make sure a parent or guardian is present when signing up. Entrants 12 and under must have their parents' permission to enter, and must be accompanied by a legal guardian or adult relative at the contest.
- You will receive a number to be affixed to your costume.
- The contest will be start at 6:30 p.m. that evening.
- By entering this contest, you agree to read and abide by all rules as posted and that failure to do so will result in your disqualification from the contest and/or removal from the event.
- By entering this contest you are agreeing to a liability release of use of video and photo images of you and your cosplay.

Official Rules

- All costumes in the Adult Division must be at least 50% handmade or altered
- If you need any assistance, you may have one person to help you.
- No nudity and no profanity. That includes messages on signs, bad language or clothes. Remember: this is a family friendly show!
- You may not throw anything off the stage or into the crowd. For safety reasons the following isn't allowed: projectiles of any kind (darts, pellets, or even water), aerosol spray, pyrotechnics like fire, smoke, or fireworks. No glitter, confetti, pyrotechnics, live flames, fireworks, projectiles, or smoke generators of any kind are permitted.
- You will have 30 seconds maximum on stage to strike poses and present your cosplay to the judges.
- No mess is to be left on stage after your presentation. Any props brought onstage must leave the stage with you within your allotted time or you will be disqualified.
- No specific audio will be played for each contestant.
- No electrical connections will be provided. If your costume requires power, it must be self-contained within the costume.
- Climbing onto the stage or leaping off the stage is prohibited.

- No live animals are allowed on stage or as part of the cosplay entry.
- Cosplays need to be able to maneuver a small flight of stairs.
- The Kids Division will be first, followed by the Adult Division.
- We have the right to reject an entry based on inappropriate, unsafe, or illegal behavior and/or violations of the family friendly nature of the event.
- All judges' decisions are final.
- Certain circumstances may require the rules to be changed without notice.
- Violators of any of these rules may be disqualified from the contest.

Costume Guidelines

- Costumes from all genres (games, comics, anime, manga, scifi, video games, etc.) are welcome in the contest. OC characters and fanart versions are accepted as well.
- The cosplay contest is a family-friendly event. Offensive language and sexual humor are not allowed. Judgment on appropriateness of material is left to the discretion of Sedalia Main Streets.
- Casual clothing will not count as a costume; all contestants must be in costume attire.
- All cosplays must provide as much body coverage as a swimsuit. Body paint, latex pasties, thongs, etc. are not considered adequate body coverage on their own.
- Weapons must be able to pass the weapons check and be peace bonded.

Judging

Contestants will be judged in the following criteria: Workmanship, Overall Appearance, Originality, and Stage Presence.

Prizes

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in both the Adult Division and Kids Division.