



**MEADOWLARK COMIC CON 2023  
OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – GRANTS PASS, OR**

**COSPLAY CONTEST RULES**

1. Participation in the Cosplay Contest is **FREE** for all attendees. Vendors, fan group members, and special guests are not eligible to participate in the Cosplay Contest.
2. Cosplay Contest will be held at **4:00 PM on the main stage on the patio behind the Floral Building.**
3. Cosplay Contest is a family-friendly event. All costumes must cover "swimsuit areas" – no nudity. Full body-paint costumes are not eligible for craftsmanship.
4. Cosplay Contest is a **safe and PG-13 friendly environment.** Any participant exhibiting hate speech and behavior towards any group will be disqualified from the competition and asked to leave the event. Language and hand gestures on stage have to be in compliance with the PG-13 rule. Violators may be disqualified from the competition.
5. The contest is open to characters from published works including movies, TV shows, comic books, cartoons, video games, and card games, as well as crossover characters and original characters
6. The contest will be held in two categories: Kids (ages 0 to 16) and Adults (ages 17 and up).
7. Each contestant may only enter one costume into the competition and can be in only one Category.
8. Cosplay Contest entries are **capped as following: Adults – 40 entries, Kids – 30 entries.**
9. Sign up for the Cosplay Contest will be held at the event at the Special Cosplay Guest table in the Pavilion Building. **Registration for the Cosplay Contest will be closed at 3:30 PM or when the cap is reached, whatever happens first.**
10. All contestants will be issued a number and will be asked to line up to go on stage in numerical order. Please keep your number until after the Cosplay Contest concludes.

11. Judgment criteria: Visual Design, Creativity, Craftsmanship, Overall Image, and Presentation.
12. Store-bought costumes are eligible to enter. However, preference, at judges' discretion, may be given to crafted costumes. Exceptions may be given in the Kids Category.
13. Contestants are not allowed to throw anything off the stage or use anything on stage that will leave a mess. This includes (but is not limited to) liquids, glitter, and confetti. No pyrotechnics, fire, explosive devices, live animals, or similar special effects can be used during the competition.
14. **No real weapons are allowed** to be used as part of costumes. Prohibited: metal blades whether sharp or blunt e.g., swords, axes, and knives; actual guns, rifles, or artillery; heavy bats; toughened plastic training sword; explosives and incendiary devices; functional strung bows or crossbows, sharp arrows or bolts; heavy gas canisters; protruding nails or other sharp items; laser pointers. All prop weapons must be safe to be worn in public.
15. All contestants must be present at the beginning of the Cosplay Contest. No-shows are not eligible to compete even if the registration form was filled out.
16. All events at Meadowlark Comic Con including the cosplay contest, have the potential to be photographed/filmed/recorded in some fashion. These recordings may be used in future galleries or promotions. Signing up for, and/or attending, any cosplay event is done with the understanding that recording could occur at any time, and permission is tacitly given for the participant's likeness to be used.
17. Top three places in each Category will be awarded with prizes as follows:

**Kids (ages 0-16):**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50 cash + Family Pack of tickets (admit 4) to Beaver State Comic Con

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Toy + Pair of tickets to Beaver State Comic Con

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Toy

**Adults (ages 17 and up):**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$200 cash + trophy + Family Pack of tickets (admit 4) to Beaver State Comic Con

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Collectible + Pair of tickets to Beaver State Comic Con

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Collectible