

RETURN of the BAY-CON Cosplay Contest Guidelines

Hello everyone! Mandalaura-Ann here with Cosplay Contest rules, regulations, criteria and categories for Return of the BAY-CON. It is just around the corner and we know all you cosplayers out there are ready for the chance to show off your hard work! I am humbled by everyone's response to the contest last year and have worked hard to take it to the next level for you this time around!

Contest Sign-up Time: 10am-2:30pm EST

Contest Sign-up Location: BAY-CON booth at the entrance

Line up time: 3:30pm EST - Contestants please gather at the theater lobby by Student Services at 3:30pm EST to allow time for organizing the groups.

Show Time: 4pm-6pm in the Besse Theater

Age/type Categories:

- Youngling (9 and Under)
- Padawan (10-17)
- Smuggler (18 and Up)
- Clan Category (Group Cosplay)

Judging Criteria:

1. Craftsmanship - complexity of build, attention to detail and number of build techniques used.
2. Character Persona - Introduce us to who/what you're cosplaying as and show off any "skills" of that character.
3. Crowd Response - Crowd noise level for each contestant

RULES:

Weapons and Props Guidelines

- Nothing that is real/functional, if you have a prop weapon it MUST be checked in at the front desk by security
- Must conform to local, state and federal laws
- Functional arrows must not have tips and must be secured into a quiver
- If you have a sword/dagger/bladed weapon and the blade is ANYTHING BUT Plastic, Paper or Foam, it must be secured into its sheath so it cannot be drawn
- Once again, ALL cosplay props and weapons must be inspected by security upon arrival to BAY-CON.

Cosplay Guidelines

- Let your creativity flow!!
- We want to see characters from all medias of entertainment!

- This is an all-ages event, so please keep that in mind when choosing and creating your cosplay to wear.
- At least ONE item of your cosplay must be modified or made by you, the cosplayer, to be entered into the judging portion of the cosplay contest. A march will be held for all contestants, in which those that do not meet the maker guideline will have a chance to walk the stage to show off their still SUPER AWESOME Cosplay.

Come on down to Return of the BAY-CON and release your inner child, show off your creative ability, and join us in bringing local cosplayers together in a welcoming and safe environment! Even if you don't wish to participate in the contest feel free to dress up! Be ready to have people ask to take their picture with and/or of you (if you're comfortable with it).

This is all about fun, but safety is top priority. Please follow the guidelines regarding props and embellishments with your cosplay and once again keep in mind that this is an all-ages event.

We can't wait to see what everyone has come up with! See you April 20th, 2024!