

DragonCon Atlanta 2011 Star Wars Costume Contest Information and Rules

Contest Overview

The contest is based on simple walk-on-and-turn display, limited to under a minute. No presentations or performances are allowed, as the importance of the judging is solely on your costume. When you ascend the stage, our emcee will announce your name and your character while you show off your costume in the allotted time. Upon leaving the stage, a Contest Staff Member will direct you to be seated in a section in the audience for the contestants until the contest is concluded.

Once the winners are announced for each category and have received their award, those winners will return to the stage to compete for the Best in Show award. There will also be a Staff's Choice award, honoring a contestant who did not win a First Place in their category who the staff feels deserves an honorable mention.

Registration

The costume contest is limited to 40 entries, accepted at a first-come, first-entered basis. A waiting list will be created if the contest meets capacity, and if a contestant drops out, the first person on the waiting list will be admitted to the contest to fill the space.

Registration forms will be available at the Rebel Legion table beginning on Friday, September 2nd and must be handed in during one of the two pre-judge sessions (see below for pre-judge session times and location). A valid convention badge is also required to register for the contest.

You will be assigned a costume category and will be given a number which you must keep with you. We reserve the right to change your category at any time depending on the types of contestants who register (e.g. if we have more than few Padmes, we may create a category for them).

For your pre-judge sessions, you will first turn in your registration form and will receive your category number. Then you will meet with a pre-judge who will look over your costume and ask various pertinent questions (e.g., did you make your costume yourself or did you purchase it, particular details or construction that stands out, etc.). Finally, you will be given a quick rehearsal where a staff person will explain what is required of you on stage and where you will be seated when you are finished, then you are free to go.

Contestants must arrive at the contest space no later than 2:15pm.

Costume Contest Timetable

- **Friday, September 2nd**
 - 10:00am - Registration forms will be available at the Rebel Legion table
 - 3:00pm – 5:00pm - A pre-judge session will be held in the Star Wars Track Room
- **Saturday, September 3rd**
 - 1:00pm – 2:30pm - A pre-judge session will be held in the Star Wars Track Room
- **Sunday, September 4th**
 - 2:15pm – Contestants must report to the Hyatt Regency Ballroom VI & VII
 - 2:30pm – Contest begins

Costume Contest Rules

1. **All contestants must be registered and pre-judged. A valid convention badge is required to register.** Please see the Costume Contest Timetable above for detailed information regarding pre-judge session times and location.
2. **No entries will be accepted after 2:30pm on Saturday, September 3rd.**
3. Good taste is required in the creation and presentation of your costume. Nudity, gore and other objectionable elements is strictly prohibited. This is a contest that is held during normal convention hours and it is essential that we present a welcoming environment to all spectators.
4. Items that could give harm to the contestants, their costumes, the contest and facility staff and the audience is prohibited. Weapons must adhere to the rules set by the DragonCon Convention Management and functional firearms are not permitted at the contest or the convention.
5. The Costume Contest Staff reserves the right to disqualify any contestant who does not observe these rules at any time. All decisions made by the pre-judges and judges are final and prizes are awarded at the conclusion of the contest.
6. Special stage requests can be made of the Contest Staff but are not guaranteed. These kinds of request must be made at the time of registration and pre-judge.
7. We are unable to provide a secure area for personal belongings. Contestants are therefore responsible for their personal effects but may bring along an assistant to help with those belongings.
8. Questions about the Costume Contest may be directed to the Costume Contest Coordinator Beret Balestrieri Kohn at LeiaYT1300@aol.com.