



# CosPlay Family Night

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Colton Community Services' CosPlay Family Night is a family-friendly event.

Costume Contest is open to all ages and skill levels. So grab your comics, toys, video game, or anime inspired costumes, and strut your stuff on the stage!

Sign-Ups will begin at 6:00 pm and judging will be held at 7:00pm on Sunday, with the front-of-stage portion of the contest beginning at approximately 7:30pm. While everyone in costume will get to 'show off' in the parade, we will only have room for a limited amount of contestants, so don't miss out!

The costume contest will be limited to 30 entries, on a first come, first serve basis. Entries may be individuals or groups. (Group entries will be judged as an entire group, so members of the group will not be eligible for individual awards.) Judging will be done immediately after sign-up, so please arrive in costume.

After judging is complete, everyone in costume will be allowed to present their character in the parade. After which, the contest winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded at approximately 8:00 pm.

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## Rules and Limitations for Cosplay Costumes and Props

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**Shoes** are highly recommended, and required to be in the contest. Even if a cosplay character goes barefoot, you must wear shoes.



**Costumes** cannot not expose the body in such a way as to be deemed indecent exposure under California and City of Colton ordinances. Remember this is a family friendly event so Costumes must cover your body parts that a one piece swimsuit would cover. Please use common sense, be considerate of other attendees and be aware of your surroundings. "No costume" is not a costume. "Paint" is not a costume, either. No intentional or unintentional "wardrobe malfunctions" will be allowed. Please make sure your costume is sturdily constructed; this includes proper undergarments.

- Hate **symbols**, even historical hate symbols like swastikas, will not be tolerated at all.
- No costumes may be realistic depictions of American Law Enforcement or current American Military uniforms, or have the words POLICE, POLICIA, SWAT, FBI, DEA, CIA or any other official Government Agency name or initials on them.
- Roller blades, roller skates and skateboards will not be allowed in the park. Stilts are allowed, as long as you are wearing them.
- Any attendee wearing a bulky costume, or one with poor visibility, should have a handler available to escort him/her. In addition, please ensure any bulky costume is properly ventilated to prevent heat stroke.
- Any metal items used for cosplays are not allowed to have sharp or pointed edges that could potentially cause injury.
- No costume or prop may generate odor, smoke, or fog. If you wish to use such a device for the cosplay contest, please speak with staff in advance, and we will decide if it is appropriate.
- If an official flag is used as part of a cosplay or as a prop it must be displayed with due respect.

NOTE: There will be a cosplay costume "first aid" location on-site. Please do not bring items such as hot glue guns, scissors, needle and thread, etc., as we will have these available for any costuming issues.

**Props:** No metal swords, knives, bayonets, cane-swords, and/or other objects made of metal, which have a sharp point or sharpened edge. No real or replica guns of any kind permitted. This includes: Airsoft Guns, Mini or Pistol crossbows, Stun guns, Dart or Blowguns, etc.

NOTE: If staff deems a prop dangerous or harmful it will not be allowed. This will be decided on a case by case basis. The police department reserves the right to confiscate (take away & not return) any item that they deem dangerous or harmful.

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## Contest Rules

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a) All entries must be registered by 6:45pm, and have their numbers clearly displayed during contest judging with will start at that time.

b) Costumes should be related to theme (Comic Books, Toys, and Anime). Entries that don't fall into these genre will not be eligible for contest but may participate in parade.

c) This is a family friendly event. If your costume is determined to be too skimpy, or inappropriate for children, you will be asked to cover the offending portion before participating in the contest. Failure to do so will result in disqualification and possible ejection from the event.

d) Teen & Adult Costumes purchased as-is (store bought) or created by someone who is not a member of your group are ineligible for the costume contest. (Our judges *will* recognize a purchased costume. So please, don't risk it.)

e) Youth costumes (13 years and under) made by family member or friend are eligible, as long as the parent/guardian is present at the time of judging to answer questions judges may have.

f) Homemade items (piece meal) costumes are eligible, as long as they have been **significantly modified\*** from their original form.\*An example of significantly modified: *Purchasing a white dress shirt, dyeing it blue, then embellishing it with insignia.* An example of not significantly modified: *Purchasing a white dress shirt, then squirting fake blood on it.*

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## Judging and Awards

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Judging will be done using four factors: **Use of Materials, Accuracy to Reference (for replica costumes), Attention to Detail, and Completeness.** If your costume is an original design, you may still enter the contest, but you will only be eligible for the "Outstanding Original Design Award".

Awards Include:

- Best Costume (Adult, teen or youth)
- Best Youth Costume (Age 12 and Under)
- Outstanding Original Design (adult & teens, age 13 & older)

Our judges have been hand-picked based on familiarity in the costuming field. However, they can't be expected to be familiar with every character and show out there. So please, help them out by bringing reference materials for your costume. A color printout is best, but black and white will do in a pinch. *Don't bring something you can't afford, or would be sad, to lose.* We are not responsible for keeping track of your possessions, and cannot be held responsible for lost items such as art books, action figures, or props.