

*Star Trek* Costume Contest at the National Air and Space Museum  
601 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC  
Friday, September 9, 2016

## **Rules**

### **1. Participation**

- a. Beginning at 7:00 pm on September 9, 2016, the first 100 visitors arriving in a costume related to any *Star Trek* series or *Star Trek* movie and registering at the Museum's Welcome Desk will be entered into the Museum's *Star Trek* costume contest. The Museum opens at 7:00 pm on September 9, 2016. Registration for the costume contest closes the earlier of (i) 8:00 pm; or (ii) once 100 participants are registered. Judging will begin after registration closes.
- b. Entrants must be natural persons, U.S. residents, and 18 years of age or older, except that entrants may not be a regent, officer, employee, fellow, intern, research associate, or volunteer of the Smithsonian Institution or a member of any of the foregoing's immediate family or household.
- c. Those who require assistance should contact the Museum's staff prior to the start of the activity.
- d. Participants may register individually or as a group; however, multiple prizes will not be awarded to each participant in a registered group.
- e. Costumes will be judged in the following four categories:
  - i. Best In Show
  - ii. Best Original Series Replica
  - iii. Best non-Original Series Replica
  - iv. Most Creative

### **2. Costume Restrictions**

- a. No facial masks are allowed.
- b. No weapon or weapon replica of any sort is allowed.

### **3. Contest Process**

- a. Registered participants will be assigned a participation number for the contest.

- b. After registration is closed on September 9, 2016, registered participants will be instructed to participate in a preliminary round of review by contest judges. This review will be a visual assessment of the costumes by the judges.
- c. The judges will select the top 10 participants from the preliminary round of review and these participants will progress to the final round of the contest.
- d. In the final round, the top 10 participants will again be reviewed by the judges. In this round, judges may include comments to the audience on the participant's costume and possibly conduct a short discussion with the participant during this review.

#### **4. Judging Criteria**

- a. The judges will evaluate costumes in the following categories:
  - i. Best In Show
  - ii. Best Original Series Replica
  - iii. Best non-Original Series Replica
  - iv. Most Creative
- b. Costumes will be judged on authenticity and faithfulness to the *Star Trek* series or *Star Trek* movies.
- c. The judges will also consider the participant's use of materials and inventiveness in approach to the participant's costume.

#### **5. Prizes**

- a. The Smithsonian will award the following prizes in each category:
  - i. Best In Show Prize: One (1) 50th Anniversary IDIC prop replica necklace; one (1) Star Trek 50th Anniversary Bundle including a hat, bag, pin and shirt; and one (1) Mini-Star Trek metal model with a fair market value under \$400.
  - ii. Best Original Series Replica Prize – One (1) Star Trek 50th Anniversary Bundle including a hat, bag, pin and shirt; and one (1) Mini-Star Trek metal model with a fair market value under \$200.
  - iii. Best non-Original Series Replica Prize – One (1)

Star Trek 50th Anniversary Bundle including a hat, bag, pin and shirt; and one (1) Mini-Star Trek metal model with a fair market value under \$200

iv. Most Creative Prize – (1) Star Trek 50th Anniversary Bundle including a hat, bag, pin and shirt; and one (1) Mini-Star Trek metal model with a fair market value under \$200.

b. If the prize becomes unavailable for any reason, the Smithsonian reserves the right to substitute a prize of like or equal value. Winners may not request prize substitution. One prize per registered participant or registered group.

## **6. Judges**

- a. Rod Roddenberry
- b. John and Bjo Trimble
- c. Josh Bernstein
- d. Sam Witwer
- e. Jeannie Whited

## **7. General Conditions on Participation**

- a. This is intended to be a fun and friendly activity. The Smithsonian reserves the right to disqualify and/or exclude from the Museum anyone that the Smithsonian determines to be inhibiting the enjoyment of others, tampering with the contest, violating these rules or applicable laws, or acting in an unsportsmanlike, unsafe, or disruptive manner.
- b. Participants must be present to participate and win.
- c. Participants give the Smithsonian, and those authorized by the Smithsonian, permission to film/photograph/record the contest, including the participant's image, statements, and activities, and use such recordings for any Smithsonian purpose. The Smithsonian is under no obligation to make or use such recordings, however.
- d. The Smithsonian reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at any time for any reason in its discretion.

- e. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Smithsonian reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion.
- f. By entering the contest, participant agrees to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the Smithsonian, which are final and binding in all respects.
- g. No purchase necessary to enter or win.
- h. Winning participants are responsible for all taxes on the prize, if any.
- i. Participant waives (and the Smithsonian, its regents, officers, employees, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers are not responsible for) any and all claims of whatever nature arising in connection with participation in the contest, acceptance, or use of any prize. The Smithsonian and its regents, officers, employees, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of the prize.
- j. Winners may be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility, publicity and liability release as a condition of receiving the prize.