

Continuing in the tradition of showcasing the wide array of outstanding cosplayers attending our events, Dallas Fan Days has several ways for our costumed attendees to show their work - and get the most out of their Con experience.

FAN DAYS COSPLAY HIDEAWAY

Back by popular demand, the Fan Days Cosplay Hideaway provides an area to repair an element of your costume, or simply a place to sit for 15 minutes and recharge your batteries (literately or figuratively). Located on the Third Floor of the Irving Convention Center in Meeting Room 7, the Lounge gives you the space you need.

Most importantly: it's a paparazzi-free zone. If you need a break from the posing, the Lounge is just the place to get that breather you deserve, or the food you need to hit the show floor running.

The Fan Days Cosplay Hideaway is sponsored by the North Texas Cosplay group, who will keep the Hideaway stocked with repair materials and staff to help with your much-needed downtime.

FAN DAYS COSPLAY RED CARPET

The Cosplay Red Carpet returns at 2:00 pm on Saturday. The skill and craftsmanship of dozens of Cosplayers from across North Texas and around the country are on display, in a red carpet format worthy of their time and creativity.

All photographers - both professional and those shooting with their smartphones - are welcomed to line up for the best shot possible during the managed event. Cosplayers will begin lining up at 1:45 pm on the Ground Floor Concourse; the Carpet runs until 3:00 pm.

FAN DAYS COSTUME CONTEST

Sign-ups for the 2017 Fan Days Costume Contest will begin at 4:00 pm on the 3rd Floor, in the Meeting Room 11. Judges will be on-hand to preview the costumes up close, and ask any questions they may have about the construction of the costume.

The first 60 adult entrants (ages 12 and up) will be admitted into the Contest. Signups will close at 5:00 pm, or when the contestant limit is reached. NO EXCEPTIONS. (Instructions on the Kids' Costume Contest are below.)

After pre-judging, each entrant will be given their Contestant's card with their Contest Number. All Contestants will line up in at the doors to the Fourth Floor Main Stage ballroom (in the queue area for the Q&A sessions) in order of their Contest Number, beginning at 5:45 pm. The Cosplay Contest stage in the ballroom is wheelchair accessible.

Onstage, contestants will have up to 30 seconds for their performance. No prerecorded audio. A microphone will be handed to the contestant if they wish. No pyrotechnics or spray aerosols will be allowed (any violation of this will result in immediate ejection from the building).

Criterion on judging the Adult Contestants: entries will be judged based on costume construction; originality; stage presence; and audience response.

Judges will be awarding prizes in these categories:

- Best In Show
- Best in Sci Fi/Fantasy
- Best in Anime/Video Games
- Best in Comic Book/Superhero
- Best Performance
- Best Craftsmanship
- Most Creative

Judges' decisions on awards are Final.

The Kids' Costume Contest, for ages 11 and under will take place on the Cosplay Red Carpet on the Ground Floor Concourse on Sunday at 3:00 pm, with signups beginning at 2:30 pm. Hilary Thomas, Resident Fangirl at Boomstick Comics, will be the emcee. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.