

# Narnia Faire Costume Contest

## Step Through the Wardrobe

Lords, ladies, fauns, dwarves, queens, kings, and creatures of every realm, the court of Narnia invites you to present your finest attire.

Whether you forged armor by hand, stitched a royal gown worthy of Cair Paravel, or transformed yourself into a beloved character, this is your chance to showcase your creativity.

Contestants will first meet with judges, then join a grand **Costume Parade around the Faire**, and finally present their costumes on stage before the awards ceremony.

Bring your creativity, your craftsmanship, and a touch of Narnian magic.

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## How to Enter

### Step 1 — Registration & Pre-Judging

All contestants **must register before 1:00 PM** at the **Cosplay for Christ booth near the stage**.

During registration contestants will:

- Receive a contest number
- Show a **reference photo** (if applicable)
- Meet briefly with judges for pre-judging

Those who fail to check in before 1:00 PM **will not be eligible for any awards**.

### Step 2 — Presentation:

- All contestants must report to the **main stage at 1:30 PM** to line up for the contest.
- Contestants will participate in a **Costume Parade around the Faire** so guests can enjoy the costumes.
- After the parade, contestants will **walk individually across the stage** to present their costume.
- Winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

# Contest Categories

## Craftsmanship

This category focuses on **construction skill and costume creation**.

### Requirements

- At least **65% of the costume must be made by the contestant entering**.
- A costume may be modeled by another person, but **the creator must be present during judging**.
- Contestants should be prepared to discuss:
  - Materials
  - Techniques
  - Construction methods

Build books or progress photos are encouraged.

### Judging Criteria

- Construction quality
- Complexity of techniques
- Craftsmanship
- Detail and finishing

### Prizes

1st — **\$100 + Free Ticket to Next Year's Narnia Faire**  
2nd — **\$75 + Free Ticket to Next Year's Narnia Faire**  
3rd — **\$50 + Free Ticket to Next Year's Narnia Faire**

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## Character Look-Alike / Masquerade

This category focuses on **accurately portraying an existing character**.

### Requirements

Contestants should have a **reference photo** of the character.

Be prepared to discuss:

- How the costume was created

- Techniques or materials used
- Design choices made in portraying the character

**Handmade costume elements will receive additional consideration in judging.**

### **Judging Criteria**

- Character accuracy
- Costume quality
- Presentation
- Craftsmanship

### **Prizes**

1st — **\$50 + Free Ticket to Next Year's Narnia Faire**  
2nd — **\$25 + Free Ticket to Next Year's Narnia Faire**  
3rd — **\$10 + Free Ticket to Next Year's Narnia Faire**

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## **Youth Category (12 and Under)**

This category celebrates young creators.

### **Guidelines**

Contestants should be prepared to briefly share:

- How the costume was made
- What ideas inspired it
- What parts they helped create

Children who **make their costume themselves will receive additional points**, and **handmade costumes will receive additional consideration in judging.**

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# General Contest Rules

## Registration & Participation

- Participants must complete the **official registration form** to enter.
- Contestants must bring a **reference image** if entering the Look-Alike category.
- Participation includes **pre-judging and walking across the stage** during the contest.
- Failure to appear for required check-ins or stage lineup **may result in disqualification**.

## Team Entries

**Awards are given per entry, not per person.**

If a group enters together as a team, **one award will be given for the entire entry**, regardless of the number of participants.

## Family Friendly Standards

Narnia Faire is a family-friendly event with many young children in attendance.

The following are not permitted:

- Nudity
- Sexual content
- Profanity
- Obscene or lewd gestures
- Political messaging
- Gory, violent, bloody, disturbing, or excessively dark costumes

If a costume is deemed inappropriate for a family audience, staff may request adjustments. Failure to comply may result in disqualification and/or being asked to leave the event.

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## Costume Coverage Guidelines

Narnia Faire is a **family-friendly event**, so costumes must meet basic coverage standards.

Costumes must cover:

- The complete buttocks
- The upper thighs
- The stomach and midsection
- Chest and torso

Fabric in these areas **may not be sheer or transparent.**

As a general guideline, costumes should provide **coverage similar to a swimsuit or greater**, as illustrated in the coverage guide diagram.

Event staff reserve the right to request costume adjustments if coverage does not meet these standards

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## Cosplay Is Not Consent

Attending an event or wearing a costume **does not give others permission to touch you.**

Please remember:

- **Keep your hands to yourself**
- **Always ask before taking photos of a cosplayer**

There are real people behind every costume and everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

If you feel harassed or uncomfortable, **report it immediately to a staff member or volunteer.**

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## Weapons & Effects Policy

For safety reasons, the following rules apply to all props and weapons:

### Prohibited Items

- Real weapons of any kind (including real swords, knives, firearms, or blades)
- Airsoft guns or functional projectile weapons
- Live steel weapons

## Prop Weapons

- Prop weapons must be **clearly fake and non-functional**
- Firearm props must have **orange safety tips**
- No ammunition or projectiles may be carried on stage
- Ranged weapons (bows, crossbows, etc.) must **not be tightly strung**

## Stage Safety

The following are **not allowed**:

- Throwing objects into the audience
- Pointing weapon replicas directly at another person
- Fire, flames, smoke effects, lasers, flash powder, or explosives
- Smoke, vapor, or atmospheric effects of any kind

Violations may result in disqualification.

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## Photography & Media Consent

By entering the Narnia Faire Costume Contest, participants agree that:

- Event organizers may **photograph or record costumes and presentations**.
  - These recordings may be used for **promotion, media, or future event marketing**.
  - Participants confirm that the information on their registration form is **true and accurate**.
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## Final Authority

Narnia Faire event staff reserve the **final decision on all contest rulings, safety concerns, and eligibility questions**.

Event staff also reserve the right to adjust contest procedures, judging, or scheduling as needed to ensure the safety of participants and the smooth operation of the event.