

# Scares That Care Costume Contest Rules

## Date and Time: Saturday, Show Begins at 8 pm Location: Hotel Auditorium

All attendees interested in competing in the costume contest must register on Saturday **before 5 pm**. Only one member of a group entry needs to register, but the group will compete as a single entry. Once registration has been closed and entry ballots have gone out to print, there can be no changes or additions, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Contestants **must** appear at the designated staging area for sign in **30 minutes before event starts**, so that they can be lined up in the correct order. Contestants NOT present when their name/group is called for pre-show staging will be pulled from the lineup up and not permitted to compete.

This event has a **NO LIVE WEAPONS** policy that will include the costume contest.

Please leave all weapons – including staffs and oversized walking sticks – at home. There can be no items that generate heat or fire. No open flame, flash paper, powder explosives or fireworks of ANY kind. We reserve the right to inspect and subsequently ask you to remove an item from our convention floor if deemed necessary for the safety of all. If partial nudity is essential to the costume, please limit it to the stage presentation only. Event organizers reserve the right to alter a costume presentation if it is judged to be a potential hazard.

## Costume Categories

There will be two main categories in this competition. **Young Fan** and **Adult Fan**.

**Young Fan:** Anyone under the age of 13 who is competing as a solo/group entry. If a person 13 or under is part of an Adult Fan group entry, that person will be considered an adult. Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, determined by all the judges. All Young Fan entries will receive a Certificate of Participation signed by all the judges.

**Adult Fan:** will be 2 sub categories:

Individual: 1 single participant over the age of 13.

Groups: 2 or more participants over the age of 13.

Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners as determined by the judges.

There will be ONE Best of Show Award as determined by the judges. This could be from ANY category.

## Contest Judging

A panel of judges will view each contestant or group on stage. The judging will be based on originality, creativity and overall quality of presentations. Contestants may be interviewed on stage, but the answers will not be part of the judging unless it is directly concerning the construction of the costume.

Each judge will score individual contestants on a scale of 1 – 100 and the highest combined scores will determine the winners. The judges will hammer out any ties. The judges will determine the Best of Show Winner by mutual consultation after all the contestants have been presented. All decisions of the judges are FINAL!

By entering the costume contest, contestants agree to have their picture taken, be videotaped and allow that media to be published in any story or promotion deemed appropriate by the event organizers.

## Contestants Note:

*Please remember this is a fun fan costume event! Use our event to test your audience for larger cosplay presentations.*

*A Green Room or will be made available to contestants while they wait. Access to watch the contest will also be offered to contestants AFTER stage presentation.*