



# Denver Pop Culture Con

## *Costume Celebration*

Denver Pop Culture Con is your one-stop-shop for displaying, admiring, and learning how to build costumes, props, and accessories and the pinnacle of this costuming fun is The Costume Celebration! This event is intended to celebrate the creativity, enthusiasm, and excitement of costuming; our goal is to showcase the diversity of cosplay and give attendees a platform to appreciate and *show off* their work, regardless of their skill level, fandom of choice, interpretations, age level, and orientation.

Denver Pop Culture Con's (DPCC) Costume Celebration contains two elements, The Kids' Extravaganza and The Showcase, all policies apply to each element.

### **GENERAL POLICY:**

- Participants must have convention badges (either weekend or Saturday badges) to participate in The Costume Celebration. On the other hand, registration for either the Kids' Extravaganza or The Showcase does not automatically give you access to the con.
- Participants must check-in for the contest and take their place in the line up by the indicated time. (Refer to the Kids' Extravaganza and The Showcase sections for specific times and locations.) Failing to do so will result in automatic removal from the event.
- All costumes and cosplays, including props and accessories, must abide by the DPCC Props and Costume policy. (<https://denverpopculturecon.com/show-info/policies/>) Failure to do so will prevent the participant from entering the convention center and could result in their removal from the event.
- DPCC is a family friendly event. Participants must keep their costume, props, accessories, and behavior 'PG.' (i.e., no cursing, inappropriate/crude behavior, offensive or overly-revealing costumes/cosplay, etc.) - **DPCC staff/volunteers reserve the right to limit participation and/or revoke a participants' place within The Celebration if their costume or behavior is deemed offensive or inappropriate in any way.**
- DPCC is concerned for the safety of all participants and attendees; running and jumping on or off the stage and/or within the staging areas is strictly prohibited.
- All participants are allowed a predetermined amount of time; participants are not permitted to stay on stage past their allotted time. (Refer to the Kids' Extravaganza and The Showcase sections for specific times.)
- The Costume Celebration participants will move through various staging areas leading up to the event. Personal items of participants cannot be stored or monitored by DPCC volunteers at any of these locations; participants must keep all items on their person or with their caregiver/handler, throughout the entirety of the event.
- The Costume Celebration is just one of many events and panels that are held on the Captain Colorado stage. As a result, items/props cannot be set up on or behind the stage prior to The Costume Celebration nor may any materials (including glitter, confetti, streamers, balloons, etc.) be left on the stage once a participant's time has elapsed. All items must come on and off the stage with you.
- The Costume Celebration will involve over 150 participants crossing the stage. To ensure that all participants have their time on stage and the opportunity to showcase their costume, there can be no interaction between participants and the emcee(s); emcees are not able to make any specific, pre-arranged comments or statements regarding particular participants, costumes, cosplays, fandoms, etc.
- DPCC volunteers will be available to assist participants on and off stage, but participants are encouraged to



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bring handlers/assistants (maximum of 2 per entry) for the event - especially if their costume is bulky or unwieldy.

- Handlers must be included on the original registration form and must check-in on-site with the participant.
- The Kids' Extravaganza portion of the Celebration is open to attendees 14 years of age and younger, registration for this event requires a minimum of one caregiver (maximum of two) who will accompany the participant through the *entirety* of the event (checking, queueing, etc.). Caregiver(s) must be included in the original registration form.
- Participants may be required to navigate stairs during the check-in/staging/queuing process; if you have ADA requests OR your costume prohibits movement and isn't able to traverse stairs and standard walkways/doorways, please alert DPCC ([cosplay@popcultureclassroom.org](mailto:cosplay@popcultureclassroom.org)) by Friday, May 17 for special arrangements. DPCC will not be able to accommodate special requests through onsite registration and show management may be forced to declare at any time the participant ineligible to participate in The Celebration, should the costume prevent them access through doorways, maneuver in and out of the small elevator or down stairs, etc.
- Due to the exorbitant cost of music copyright licensing, participants will not be able to use downloaded music, their own music or request specific or prearranged accompaniment. All participants will be accompanied by DPCC proprietary music.

**The Costume Celebration policy applies to participants in all portions of the event. Violating any of these policy points will result in the automatic removal from The Costume Celebration and possibly expulsion from the convention.**

### **SCHEDULE:**

- April 1, 12pm MST- Online registration opens (<https://denverpopculturecon.com/show-info/applications/>) and will remain open until all slots are filled OR until May 1, 2019
- May 31, 10am-5pm - Onsite registration (open until all slots are filled)
- June 1, 10am-2pm - Onsite registration (open until all slots are filled)
- June 1, 4:30-5:30pm - Kids' Extravaganza Check-in - *location to be announced*
- June 1, 5-6pm - The Showcase Check-in - *location to be announced*
- June 1, 6:00pm - Kids' Extravaganza begins
- June 1, 7:00pm - The Showcase begins
- June 1, 8:30pm - The Showcase ends and the DPCC 2019 Showstopper is announced



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### **THE KIDS' EXTRAVAGANZA:**

The Kids' Extravaganza is a kaleidoscope of kid-friendly fun. Limited to attendees 14 years of age and younger, this portion of the Costume Celebration is intended to promote the imagination of our younger attendees and give them a platform for positivity and costuming creativity. Regardless of whether they are showing off hand-made costumes, wearing a treasured store-bought Halloween costume, or sporting the latest cosplay craze, participants will be celebrated for just being themselves!

There is no competitive element for this portion of the Costume Celebration; all participants will receive a Denver Pop Culture Con/Pop Culture Classroom prize bag.

- Registration:
  - Online registration for the Kids' Extravaganza will open on April 1, 2019 at 12pm MST on <https://denverpopculturecon.com/show-info/applications/>.
  - Participants will receive a confirmation email and additional messages leading up to the convention with information on the Kids' Extravaganza - these emails may accidentally go to spam, so please ensure that you are able to receive communications from [cosplay@popcultureclassroom.org](mailto:cosplay@popcultureclassroom.org).
  - 25 registration positions will be available online and 25 registration positions will be available onsite during the convention - all positions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
  - Participants must include a minimum of one (maximum of two) caregiver(s) who will stay with them through the entirety of the event.
  - The onsite registration location will be identified on the DPCC convention map and times will be included in the Programming schedule.
- Check-In/Queuing:
  - Participants and caregiver(s) must check-in at the Costume Celebration Registration table (*location to be determined*) by 5:30pm on Saturday, June 1. Failure to check in by the required time will result in being declared ineligible to participate.
  - The order of check-in determines participants place within the Kids' Extravaganza (i.e. if you are the first person to check-in, you will be the first person on stage during the Extravaganza). DPCC volunteers and staff are not able to change the order for any reason.
  - After check-in, participants and caregivers will be queued backstage and asked to remain in line prior to the event.
- During the Event:
  - Participants in the Extravaganza will have 30 seconds on stage, and no additional time will be granted. Caregivers are welcome to walk across the stage with their participant OR they may remain backstage.
  - After all participants have walked the stage, they may be brought back on stage for a group photo.
- After the Event:
  - Following the Extravaganza, participants and caregivers will be led to reserved seating in the Captain Colorado auditorium - participants are welcome to stay for the Showcase or they may leave.



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### **THE COSTUME & COSPLAY SHOWCASE:**

The Costume & Cosplay Showcase is DPCC's celebration of the creativity, excitement, and individuality of our amazing costumers. Regardless of one's skill level, age, fandom, or budget, the Showcase is the place to show-off what makes your costume or cosplay, uniquely *you!* While there are awards associated with the Showcase, the priority of the Costume Celebration is to provide attendees and participants with an opportunity to applaud and admire their costumes and fandoms. The Showcase does not include any form of craftsmanship judging nor are there bracketed prizes; individual judges may present specific "Judge's Choice" awards (TBA), and attendees will vote for the 2019 "Showcase Showstopper".

- Registration:
  - Online registration for the Showcase will open on April 1, 2019 at 12pm MST on <https://denverpopculturecon.com/show-info/applications/>.
  - 50 registration positions will be available online and 50 registration positions will be available onsite during the convention - all positions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
  - Attendees may register as individuals or as a group (maximum of 10) - groups will be registered as a single entry.
  - Participants will receive a confirmation email and additional messages leading up to the convention with additional information. Emails may accidentally go to spam, so please ensure that you are able to receive communications from [cosplay@popcultureclassroom.org](mailto:cosplay@popcultureclassroom.org).
  - The onsite registration location will be identified on the DPCC convention map and times will be included in the Programming schedule.
- Check-In/Queueing:
  - Individuals (and groups) and handlers must check-in at the Costume Celebration Registration table (*location to be determined*) before 5pm on Saturday, June 1. Failing to do so will result in ineligibility for the event.
  - The order of check-in determines participants place within the Showcase (i.e. if you are the first person to check-in, you will be the first person on stage during the Showcase.) DPCC volunteers and staff are not able to change the order for any reason.
  - After check-in, participants and handlers will be queued and asked to remain in line prior to the event.
- During the Event:
  - Participants in the Showcase (groups and individuals) will have 30 seconds on stage.
  - Following their time on stage, participants will be led to reserved seating in the Captain Colorado auditorium.
- Awards/Prizes
  - Judges Awards: Each of the Showcase judges will have specific awards that they will present to one participant and/or group.
  - Showstopper: Attendees will vote for the DPCC 2019 Showstopper.

For more information on Denver Pop Culture Con refer to our website at <https://denverpopculturecon.com>  
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### **SAMPLE REGISTRATION FORM**

#### **Registration Category/Form:**

Kids' Extravaganza    Showcase (individual)    Showcase (group)\*

For Groups, how many individuals are included in your group (maximum of 10):

#### **Participant Information:**

Name:

Age:

Email Address:

Phone # for Text Notifications:

#### **Costume & Prop Information:**

Does the participant have any ADA requests?

Yes    No

If yes, please describe:

Does the participant's costume allow them to move up and down stairs and sit for a minimum of one hour?

Yes    No

If no, please describe:

**Handler/Caregiver Information:** (NOTE: registration for the Kids' Extravaganza requires a minimum of one caregiver)

Handler/Caregiver #1

Name:

Email Address:

Phone # for Text Notifications:

Handler/Caregiver #2

Name:

Email Address:

Phone # for Text Notifications:

I have read the Costume Celebration Guidelines and agree to abide by the rules and policy therein.

Yes    No

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