## **Cosplay Contest**

Cosplay is defined when fans wear costumes and accessories to represent their favorite characters from comics, movies, anime, gaming, etc. Cosplay is the ultimate form of fan expression: The art of representing 2-dimensional, fictional (or historical), characters in real time live action 3-dimensional. Anyone who has seen or participated in cosplay knows just how amazing this community is!

## Cosplay Contest Rules

Adult Contest - **\$5.00 Entry Fee** – Ages 16 and older – Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Register before 3pm on Saturday at the Registration Booth hosted by MONSTER LAB COSPLAY on the main floor. (You MUST be registered by 3pm in order to participate).

Kids Contest – Ages 3-15 – Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Registration must be done before Sunday at 1pm at the Registration Booth hosted by MONSTER LAB COSPLAY on the main floor.

## ComiCon Erie Cosplay Contest Rules & Guidelines

- 1. Each contestant may only enter once. That means one entry, one costume, no exceptions.
- 2. Contestants must register at the front entrance and agree to be a participant and to be judged by the panel of judges.
- 3. NO profanity will be tolerated.
- 4. NO political or religious statements will be permitted in any form.
- 5. NO heckling, bullying or jeering will be permitted. This is intended to be a fun event for everyone. Anyone who violates this will be automatically disqualified from the contest.
- 6. NO nudity or inappropriate costumes will be allowed.
- 7. All prop weapons must be non-working, safe, and pre-approved. Any weapon(s) used in an offensive manner will be confiscated and you will be asked to leave the convention center. If you are unsure if your weapon is acceptable, please feel free to ask at the front entrance.
- 8. NO use of any flash pots, explosive devices, projectiles or similar special effects with you costume will be permitted. Anyone who violates this will be automatically disqualified and/or removed from the convention center.
- 9. You may only enter/exit the stage where indicated.
- 10. Prizes will be announced and awarded following the contest and the judges have made their final decisions. Winner must be present in order to win their prize.
- 11. Top 10 finalists will walk again, and judges will ask contestants 1 question each. Winners will be chosen after that (adult contest only).