

Reno Pop Culture Con

Costume Celebration

Reno 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.

GENERAL POLICY:

- Participants must have convention badges (either weekend or Saturday badges) to participate in the Costume Celebration.
- All costumes and cosplays, including props and accessories, must abide by the RPCC Props and Costume policy (<https://renopopculturecon.com/show-info/policies/>).
- RPCC 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.) – **RPCC 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.**
- RPCC 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.
- Personal items of participants cannot be stored or monitored by RPCC 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.
- Items/props cannot be set up on or behind the stage prior to The Costume Celebration nor may any materials be left on the stage once a participant's time has elapsed.
- RPCC volunteers may be available to assist participants on and off stage, but participants are encouraged to bring handlers/assistants (maximum of 2 per entry) for the event – especially if their costume is bulky or unwieldy.
- Any participations 14 years of age and younger, must have minimum of one caregiver (maximum of two) who will accompany the participant through the entirety of the event (registration, queueing, etc.). Caregiver(s) must be present during registration.
- Participants may be required to navigate stairs during the registration/staging/queueing process; 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.
- Individuals can only cross the stage under one category, regardless of whether or not they are a participant or handler/caregiver.

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.

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Registration/Queueing:

- Individuals (and groups) and handlers can register to participate in the Costume Celebration on Saturday, November 9 between 3:30-5:30pm in room A20 – participation is limited and registration will close when all the slots have been filled.
- Participants must choose a registration category:
 - Kids single – limited to individuals 14 years of age and younger, there is no competitive element and each participant will receive a RPCC prize pack (*while supplies last*).
 - Kids group – open to groups of 2 or more with individuals 14 years of age and younger, there is no competitive element and each participant will receive a RPCC prize pack (*while supplies last*).
 - Individual – open to all ages, participants in this category are eligible for the Judges Awards and the audience choice Showstopper.
 - Group – open to all ages with two or more individuals, participants in this category are eligible for the Judges Awards and the audience choice Showstopper.
- The order of registration determines participants place within the Celebration (i.e. if you are the first entry to register, you will be the first entry on stage). RPCC volunteers and staff are not able to change the order for any reason.
- After registration, participants and handlers will be queued and asked to remain in line prior to the event – seating will be provided when possible.
- Participants maybe moved to a final staging area prior to the start of the Celebration.

During the Event:

- Participants will be queued off stage before being announced by the Celebration emcee(s).
- Participants (kids, individuals, and groups) will then have 30 seconds on stage.
- Following their time on stage, participants will be led to reserved seating in the auditorium.

Awards/Prizes

- Kids - There is no competitive element for this category of the Costume Celebration; all participants will receive a Reno Pop Culture Con/Pop Culture Classroom prize bag (*while supplies last*).
- Judges Awards – the Celebration judge(s) will have specific awards that they will present to one participant and/or group.
- Showstopper – the audience will select RPCC 2019 Showstopper by their applause and through the use of an applause meter.

For more information on Reno Pop Culture Con refer to our website at
renopopculturecon.com

For any questions or comments on The Costume Celebration, please refer to
renocosplay@popcultureclassroom.org

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SAMPLE REGISTRATION FORM

Name (if Group include names of all participations):

Registration Category (**Please note that participations can only participate in one category, they cannot cross the stage more than once**):

Non-Competitive

- Kids single (limited to participants 14 years of age and younger)
- Kids group (2 or more - limited to participants 14 years of age and younger)

Competitive

- Individual
- Group

Handler/Caregiver Information: (**Please note that participants under the age of 14 require a minimum of one caregiver and the caregiver must stay with them through the entirety of the event**)

Handler/Caregiver #1

Name:

Handler/Caregiver #2

Name:

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

Yes No