



Cosplay

- Description:** Contestants are to develop a cosplay outfit to show off their costume to the judges. “Cosplay” is a contraction of the words costume play. It is a performance art in which participants called cosplayers wear costumes and fashion accessories to represent a specific character. Each contestant or team will model their costumes as well as give an oral presentation. Ability to “be in character” is key. Contestants may answer questions and include information in their oral presentations that is fictional in order to maintain character.
- Entries:** May enter as individual or team of up to five members.
- State Awards:** First place individual or team will receive State 4-H Contests Jackets.

Contest Rules:

1. Contestants must submit a photo and short description of the character they are trying to replicate upon registration. Include name, county, and character name.
2. Contestants will be randomly assigned to 30 minute blocks. Contestants should be ready at the start of their 30 minute block.
3. Contestants will have up to five (5) minutes to model including an oral presentation. Contestants will be judged on their ability to stay in character during modeling as well as the oral presentation. The following information needs to be covered in the oral presentation:
 - a. Name, county, and name of character
 - b. Short description of your character
 - c. Short description of the construction of your costume - you may use fiction to stay in character.
 - d. Why you chose your character - you may use fiction to stay in character.
4. Judge’s will ask one question at the conclusion of the modeling and oral presentation. All contestants will be asked the same question decided upon by the judge’s as the beginning of the contest (ex. What planet is your character from?) Contestants may answer fictionally based on their character.
5. General music will be provided.
6. Parents, 4-H Leaders and others are encouraged to inspire, guide and help with developing ideas for the costume; however, the costume must be the work of the 4-H Member or team.
7. Costumes must be created by the 4-H contestant, not purchased. Sewing construction will not be judged.
8. All costumes must be 4-H appropriate. 4-H is a youth development organization, and therefore all costumes must be non-offensive. Offensive costumes are those that are immodest, include religious or political statements, or promote sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or swearing. Any offensive costumes will be penalized on the contestant’s score, and subject to disqualification.
9. No real or fake weapons are permitted as part of a costume. Weapons used for decoration are not permitted. This includes simulated weapons, disabled weapons, dangerous chemicals, any explosive device, nun chucks, swords, brass knuckles, butterfly knives, paintball guns, toy guns, pellet guns or any other material that can be used to threaten or endanger others.



Cosplay Scorecard

Blue Ribbon? (Circle One) Yes No
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Name: _____ County: _____

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ITEMS TO BE SCORED	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	POINTS EARNED	COMMENTS
Ability to Match Character (20 Points)					
Construction of Costume: (20 Points)					
Presentation Content (20 Points)					
Runway Presentation (10 Points)					
Appropriate Length of Presentation (10 Points)					
Creativity: (10 Points)					
4-H Appropriate Content: (10 Points)					
Total Score: (100 Points)					