



“Once Upon a Costume” Contest Timeline

Entry Deadline	Thursday, June 18, 2026 by 11:59pm
Contest Date	Saturday, June 20, 2026, check-in by 1:30pm

Step Off the Page and Into the Spotlight!

Have you ever wanted to walk the streets of Victorian London with Sherlock Holmes, or attend a tea party in Wonderland? Now is your chance.

We invite all book lovers, wordsmiths, and dreamers to showcase your magic at our Costume Contest.

Collect your glass slippers, polish your armor, and prepare to bring legends to life. This contest celebrates the artistry of literature and the charm of "Once Upon a Time."

Eligibility

Exhibitors must be at least 5 years old by the Entry Deadline listed above. See divisions for more information.

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The Local and State Rules apply to this contest. Copies are available at sdfair.com.

Entry Limit

One (1) entry per exhibitor.



Entry Fees

Free!

Fair Ticket

One (1) Exhibitor Access Pass, for each registered participant for this date only, will be available at Will-Call on the day of the contest. Please click [here](#) for a list of discounted and free parking options for the day of the event.

How to Enter

Please pre-register at sdfair.com. There will be **NO on-site registration**.

Judging Criteria

Creativity: 50%

Originality: 30%

Stage Presence: 20%

Event Schedule

Check-In: Exhibitors will pick up their free admission pass to the Fair from Will-Call on the day of the contest and bring their entry to check-in at the Home Arts & Hobbies Exhibit, Exhibit Hall by **1:30pm**.

Live Judging: Be ready to show off your craftsmanship and character on the Home Arts & Hobbies Stage!

Awards

The following will be awarded in each class:

First Place	Ribbon
Second Place	Ribbon
Third Place	Ribbon

Division and Classes

Division 300: Once Upon a Costume

Class 001: Youth, Ages 5-11

Class 002: Youth, Ages 12-17

Class 003: Adults, Ages 18+

Class 004: Groups (two or more people), any age