# Trunk or Treat – Costume Contest Entry Guidelines

Trunk or Treat at Westwind Park

The Recreation & Community Services Department will host a Costume Contest for participants attending the Trunk or Treat event that will take place at the Westwind Park on Friday, October 25, 2024, from 4:30 PM – 8 PM. The Trunk or Treat event will have trunk entries, food vendors, music, and carnival games for community members. If you are interested in participating in Costume Contest, please read the information below and check in the day of to participate.

## COSTUME CONTEST GUIDELINES

* First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in each age division.
	+ Age Divisions: Ages 0 – 5, Ages 6 -11, Ages 12- 17, Adults (18+), and Family.
* Costumes of all shapes and sizes are allowed. Costumes may be homemade or store-bought.
* All costume contest participants must check-in for the contest by 5:15 PM October 25. Judging begins at 5:30 PM for Ages 0 – 5, Ages 6-11, and Ages 12-17. Judging begins at 6:45 PM for Adults (18+), and Family. Prizes will be awarded after each category is judged. Participants must be present to win.
* No violent, gore (blood and guts), or demonic costumes or accessories. Please keep costumes family-friendly.
* No toy weapons (guns, knives, etc.). No open flames, fireworks, or flammable materials.
* All costumes must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages.
* Good taste is required (all body parts must be covered appropriately).
* Shoes, boots, slippers, or plastic-type foot prosthetics are required (socks are not considered foot coverings.) If your character does not wear shoes, the lack of accuracy in your costume will be forgiven.
* This is an alcohol-free event.
* The City of Ontario Recreation & Community Services Department staff have the right to modify these rules on the spot to protect Trunk or Treat participants and the safety of the event.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

* Creativity – Was the costume made creatively, colorfully, and does it show personality?
* Originality – Does the costume stand out from the rest?
* Effort – Did the costume take time and effort?
* Presentation – What we look at: The goal of the costume is to look as much like your character as possible, this includes body motions and phrases you say. Those who act in character will score higher than those who do not.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact the Armstrong Community Center at (909) 395-2020.