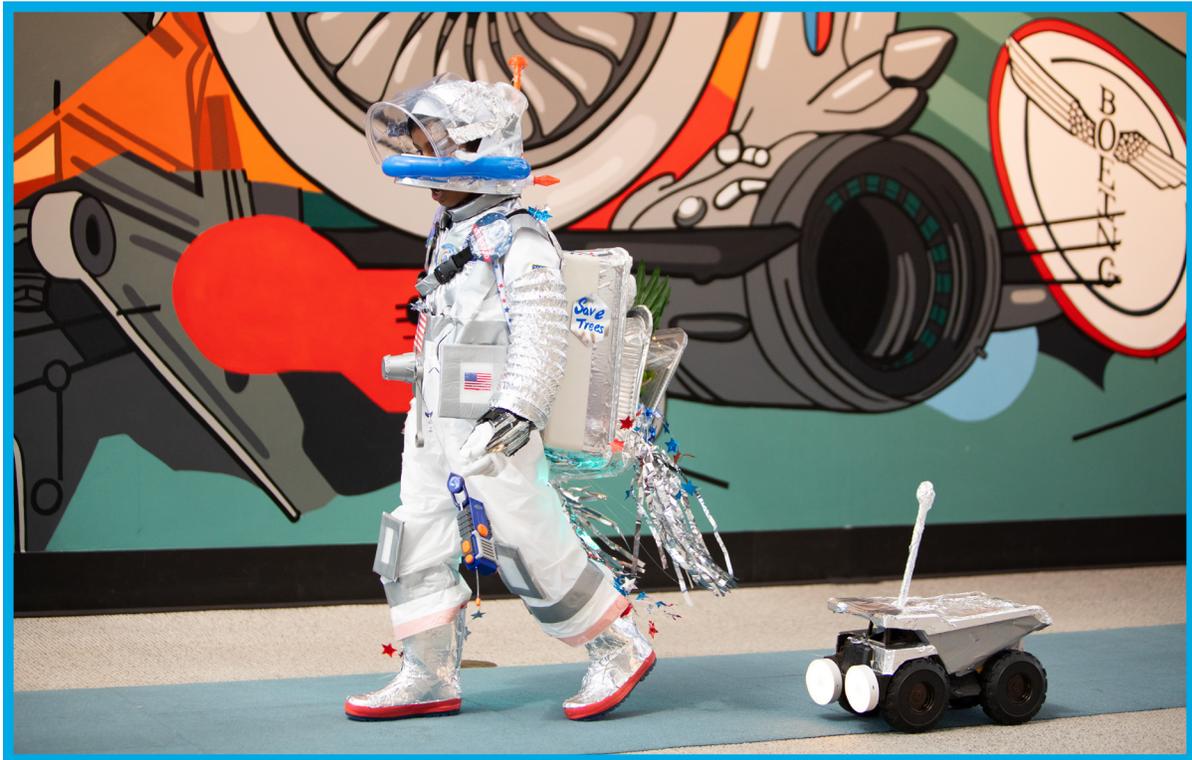


SPACESUIT

DESIGN CONTEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

DESIGN IDEAS / ENTRY PACKET DUE
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026



2026 ENTRY PACKET



Please read this packet thoroughly before
submitting your Entry Form.

Visit museumofflight.org/KidsChallenges

Spacesuit Design Contest Rules

The Museum of Flight is excited to bring back Spacesuit Design Contest! For this contest, entrants **must design, draw and build an original, handmade Spacesuit that is wearable by the designer**, follows the theme and all contest requirements and rules.

2026 Theme: Fit, Function, Fashion

To celebrate the Museum's new exhibition, *Runway to Runway*, which explores the styles and stories of flight attendant uniforms, the 2026 theme is: **Fit, Function, Fashion**. We encourage participants to consider how their design reflects the unique astronaut who will wear it, the responsibilities which will be carried out while it's worn and maybe even take some inspiration from the uniforms featured in the exhibit.

The Top 5 Spacesuit designs in each category will be showcased in a Fashion Show on Saturday, June 27, 2026. A panel of judges will decide the winning design for each age category (four categories total) and the four winning designs will be showcased at Fashion in Flight on November 7, 2026.

Age Categories

- **Comet: Ages 5–8**
- **Nebula: Ages 9–13**
- **Galaxy: Ages 14–17**
- **Black Hole: Ages 18+**

Contest Rules:

1. One Submission per Designer
2. Spacesuit must be original and handmade.
 - Spacesuits may contain new materials, but the majority of the suit should be created from reused or recycled materials.
3. Spacesuits may not include glitter, helium balloons, dirt/sand, live animals, weaponry, illegal substances, or offensive language or imagery of any kind.
4. Top 20 Designers are **required** to wear their Spacesuit in the Top 20 Fashion Show if chosen to participate.
 - If Designer is under age 14, they must be accompanied by an adult.

Judging Criteria:

TOP 20 - Designs are chosen based on:

- Creativity
- Representation of the Theme: *Fit, Function, Fashion*
- Adherence to Contest Rules

TOP 4 - At the Fashion Show, designs are chosen based on:

- Creativity
- Adherence to Contest Rules
- Presentation on the Runway (hair, make-up, walk, etc)

Transport:

If your Spacesuit is chosen to compete in the Top 20 Fashion Show, you will be responsible for delivering it safely to the Museum that day. Spacesuits must be worn during the Fashion Show on June 27, 2026. If you are one of the Top 4 finalists, your spacesuit will be showcased at Fashion in Flight on November 7, 2026.

Prizes:

The Top 20 Designs (*five designs from each category*), will receive:

- (2) FREE admission passes to The Museum of Flight

At the Top 20 Fashion Show, the winner in each age category will receive:

- A trophy
- Design showcased at Fashion in Flight at The Museum of Flight

Ownership:

Designers retain full ownership of their Spacesuits.

How to Submit Entry Packet:

Before submitting your Entry Packet, please read through all information, including the Dates to Remember.

NOTE: The Designer Biography, Design Description and Design Drawing may be used during the Fashion Show while the designer is walking.

Designers will be contacted within 1 business day for confirmed receipt of packet.

Please submit your Entry Packet via the online form linked below. The following items are required in your submission:

- General Participant Information
- Designer Biography - Tell us about yourself! Include any information about special projects, hobbies, or interests you may have (100–200 words). This will be used to introduce you at the Fashion Show.
- Design Description - Tell us about the concept for your Spacesuit, include any unique features.
- Upload Your Design Drawing - see page 4 to print the template and draw your design!
- Photo / Video release form

Or type the following URL into a browser window: <https://tmof.click/SSDC26>

Dates to Remember:

- **February 28 through May 3, 2026** - Call for Entries
- **Sunday, May 3, 2026** - Entry Packet due by 5:00 PM PST
- **Friday, May 22, 2026** - Top 20 Designs Notified
- **May 22 through June 26, 2026** - Top 20 Designers Build Their Spacesuits
- **Saturday, June 27, 2026** - Top 20 Fashion Show as a part of Sally's Day
- **November 7, 2026** - Top 4 Spacesuit showcase at Fashion in Flight

Questions? Please contact Ashley Mead at 206.768.7148 or send an email to PublicPrograms@museumofflight.org.

Need Help or Inspiration?

Join us during the Museum's Free First Thursday for our new Space Suit Design Contest drop-in workshops!

- **Thursday, March 5, 2026 / 5 to 8 PM** - Control Panels
- **Thursday, April 2, 2026 / 5 to 8 PM** - Control Panels
- **Thursday, May 7, 2026 / 5 to 8 PM** - Free Build
- **Thursday, June 4, 2026 / 5 to 8 PM** - Free Build

Or meet us for a hands-on workshop at Yuri's Night, a 21+ space-themed dance party!*

- **Saturday, April 11, 2026 / 6 to 11 PM** - Free Build

*Event ticket purchase required

Spacesuit Design Drawing

Designer's Name: _____

Age Category Comet (5–8) Nebula (9–13) Galaxy (14–17) Black Hole (18+)

