

“SCIENCE & SUPERHEROES” CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

INSTRUCTIONS

Invent a new superhero character whose superpowers have some origin or characteristic based on science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) principles.

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-8 residing in Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, York and Union counties. Children of employees of Spandex City Comics, Discovery Place, and any other entities identified as partners or sponsors during the contest are not eligible to win, but may submit an entry for display.

CONTEST DEADLINE

All submissions must be received by March 24, 2012. They may be dropped off at either Spandex City Comics or Discovery Place:

Spandex City Comics
3611 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd. #202
Charlotte, NC 28216

Discovery Place
301 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202-2138

Entries may also be mailed to Spandex City Comics and must be postmarked by March 24, 2012. Please direct any questions to Spandex City at 704-909-7168 or contest@spandexcity.com.

ENTRY FORM

Entrants must include a completed Entry Form with their submissions in order to qualify.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Only one entry per child is allowed, and submissions must not contain any trademarked or copyrighted material. Submissions must have **two** components:

1) An original drawing

- Drawing must fit on one standard sheet of 8½” x 11” paper; any media is allowed, vertical or horizontal orientation. Printouts of digitally-created drawings are not permitted.
- Provide the superhero’s name and any appropriate labels for the costume, gadgets, etc.
- On the back, in the lower right corner, please print the contestant’s name, school, and grade.

2) A written description

- Description must fit on one side of a standard sheet of 8 ½” x 11” paper and may be either hand-written or typed.
- Provide the superhero’s name and a detailed explanation of the STEM principles utilized for his/her superpowers and/or origin.

2) A written description (cont.)

- Explain how the superhero will utilize his/her superpowers to address a real-world problem.
- On the back, in the lower right corner, please print the contestant's name, school, and grade.

**Please make sure to securely clip the Entry Form to the two drawing and description pages upon submission. Do not staple the pages together.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Grand Prize (Grades K-8)
- Best overall superhero: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8
- Best superhero description: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8
- Best superhero drawing: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8
- Honorable Mentions

JUDGING

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Artistic quality
- Explanation of STEM-based principles
- Application to a real-world problem
- Presentation, spelling, and grammar

AWARDS CEREMONY

All contestants are invited to join us for the Science & Superheroes Contest Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Discovery Place. Winners' entries will be presented. Stay tuned for more details.

Winning submissions will also be displayed at Spandex City Comics beginning on Saturday, May 5, 2012 ("Free Comic Book Day") until May 19, 2012.

RETURN POLICY

Submissions may be picked up at Spandex City Comics after May 19, 2012. All submissions not picked up by June 9, 2012 become the property of Spandex City Comics.

USE OF CONTEST ENTRIES

Originals or copies of contest submissions may be used with attribution for present or future promotional purposes by Spandex City Comics and Discovery Place.