Stormtrooper, Ghostbusters and the Umbrella Corporation
Popular science fiction meeting at the Technik Museum Speyer

The cosplay parade is one of the highlights for visitors. Source: Technik Museum Speyer

The fan group Umbrella Corporation Hive Palatinate was founded in Speyer and participates every year Source: Technik Museum Speyer

Speyer. Once a year, the Technik Museum Speyer turns into a Mecca for fans of the most diverse fandoms. Cosplayer and fans of Star Wars, Star Trek, superheroes or video games have long been in the starting blocks and are preparing for the big Science Fiction meeting on the 23rd and 24th September 2023. There will be numerous costume and fan groups, information stands on the topics of cosplay or model making, as well as retailers offering everything for big and small nerds. As official partners, members of the Star Wars costume group "501st Legion - German Garrison" will support the meeting. The costume wearers of the "dark side of the Force" are quite tame and greet visitors as they enter the museum. In addition to a large information stand with photo points and autograph sessions by cosplayer, the German Garrison also supports the museum by planning various programme such as the cosplay parade.

The popular event will take place on the spacious museum grounds. The outdoor area, the exhibition halls, the FORUM cinema as well as the event hall are filled with stands, programme and many visitors. Last year, the event attracted over 14,000 fans. "We had a hard time estimating what it would be like after Corona. Therefore, we planned rather tentatively. Our expectations were exceeded by far. We didn't expect so many visitors. It was unbelievable how many people came and how much fun the exhibitors as well as the visitors had with us," enthuses project manager Corinna Siegenthaler. Many exhibitors have already confirmed their participation in this year's event. Among them is the fan group Umbrella Corporation Hive Palatinate. "Some of us have been members of the museum's supporters' association for many years. It was through this event that our costume group was formed and we have been involved every year since. It's great fun to participate and be part of this community," says museum member Dr Jörg Hefele.

Tickets are now available at www.technik-museum.de/scifi. Visitors in science fiction or superhero costumes will receive a discount on both days. Discounts for visitors in costume cannot be granted in the online shop. Limited tickets are available for the special programme at the FORUM cinema directly on site on 23rd and 24th September. Up-to-date information on the event and the programme will be available promptly at www.technik-museum.

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About the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer – from underwater into space

Supported by the non-profit club Auto + Technik Museum e. V. and based on the motto "for fans from fans", the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer have more than 4,000 members worldwide. The financing is exclusively based on admission fees, donations as well as membership fees of club members. All surpluses are used for the museum's maintenance and expansion. On an area of more than 200,000 sqm, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer present more than 6,000 exhibits from all fields of technological history in a worldwide unique variety. The exhibits range from submarines to vintage cars, from the Concorde to the Space Shuttle BURAN. Besides the permanent exhibition and the changing special exhibitions, there are numerous vehicle and club meetings as well as events. Open 365 days a year, the museums attract over one million visitors a year. Our two IMAX large-format cinemas are a true highlight. While the IMAX 3D cinema in Sinsheim – "the cinema with the highest resolution in the world" – shows exclusive documentations and the latest Hollywood blockbusters, films are projected onto a giant dome in the IMAX DOME cinema in Speyer.

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