

# FURSUIT BADGE/PHOTO/PARADE GUIDELINES

## TO GET A FURSUIT BADGE

The suit must represent an "anthro" character. Character representations of non-anthro characters, human characters, spandex bodysuits do not count. At minimum, a headpiece, hand-paws, and a tail (if applicable by species); if using latex and makeup, it must completely cover exposed surfaces.. *Skin must not be visible* when the costume is worn, to complete the illusion of an anthropomorphic creature. Remember, we have only a limited number of badges.

## TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP PHOTO AND FURSUIT PARADE

Character representations of non-anthro characters, human characters, spandex bodysuits, etc. are politely requested not to join in. Handlers are permitted for suits that require them, and for persons of limited mobility. *You must drink at least one full glass of water before joining the parade!* This is for your safety, and our sanity. You may begin to line up for the parade in Hall A of the convention center as early as 1:00 PM. **The parade itself begins immediately after the group photo is taken, which will be at precisely 2:00 PM.** Please allow yourself plenty of time to get there. Remember, the elevators cannot be trusted to get you there on time!

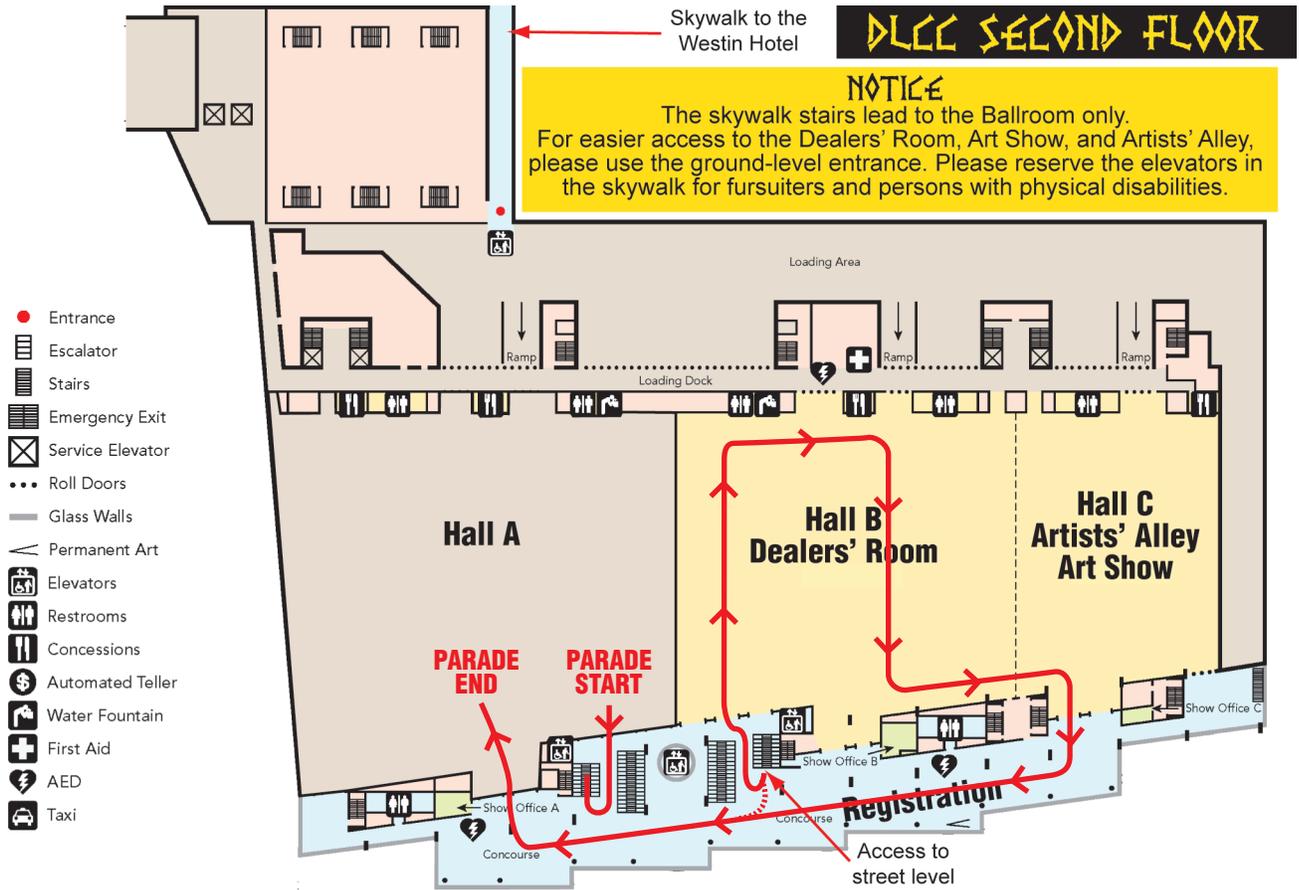
- Water will be available. Make liberal use of it!
- If you are very tall, or have tall ears or antlers, please stay to the rear of the group.
- Please line up with toes (or claws) on the blue tape that will be on the floor.
- **No showboating!** This photo is for everyone, not just for you. Stay with the group.
- Non-costumers must not try to "photobomb" the photo. Your membership may be suspended if you do.
- Handlers, please get out of camera shot while the photo is being taken
- Hands must be kept down.
- No flags, signs, or other items that may block the photo are permitted.
- A portion of the front row is reserved for VIPS, young children and the physically challenged.
- Remember, if you cannot see the camera, it cannot see you.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

### ***THE PARADE ROUTE CONTAINS AN OUTDOOR PORTION!***

This year, we are hoping to be able to share the amazing spectacle that is the Anthrocon Fursuit Parade with the people of Pittsburgh. The parade will proceed down the escalators directly after exiting Hall A (right after the photo). This outdoor portion of the parade will involve a circuit of 10<sup>th</sup> Street underneath the Convention Center. This is to provide maximum protection for our costumers from inclement weather or blazing-hot sun. **You do not need to go outside if you do not want to or do not think that you are up to it!** Anyone who wishes to remain indoors can simply wait for the head of the parade to come back inside and rejoin it as it proceeds into the Dealers' Room.

*The outdoor portion of the Fursuit Parade is Anthrocon's way of letting the City of Pittsburgh share in the festivities. If you participate, you are representing not only Anthrocon, but Furry Fandom as a whole to the folks who have welcomed us so warmly to their town. It is not an opportunity for political statements or grandstanding. Any costume or accessory that is inappropriate for public view or is likely to cause dismay to the good people of Pittsburgh will not be permitted to participate in the outdoor portion.*



# ANTHROCON 2016 FURSUIT PARADE ROUTE

