

Training 6 – Basic Wig and Costume Care

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Objectives for Meeting:

Your volunteers will be able to:

1. Practice efficient wig wear and care
2. Practice efficient costume wear and care

Preparing for the meeting: Review the training and be prepared to present subsequent material.

- I. **Welcome and Ice Breaker** - Welcome your members into the meeting and do an icebreaker of your choice.
- II. **Show Video**
- III. **Practice efficient wig wear and care**
 - A. In order to maintain your wigs and have them last a long time, it is important your volunteers practice good wig care. After showing the video detailing wig care and storage ask the volunteers if they have any questions. After all questions are answered review a few key points from the video. Maintaining our wigs will be crucial in order for them to last a very long time.
 - B. Tell your costume coordinator any concerns you have. If you feel like something is off or doesn't look right. It is their job to help you!
 - C. Wigs should be stored in their box immediately after every visit. Make sure it is on a wig head.
 - D. Wigs should never be off a wig head or off a person because it will ruin the integrity of the wig.
 - E. Wigs should be restyled after every single visit to eliminate knots, tangles, and matted areas.
 - F. Never use any form of heat on a wig
 - G. Make sure you are always wearing a wig cap, it's on correctly and secure, and pin it down. If your wig cap slips, so will your wig
 - H. Make sure the wig looks proper on you. The most common wig mistakes are not wearing it correctly. Put on the wig correctly, especially the part. If you are unsure of the correct way to wear it, check the character database.
- IV. **Some things you shouldn't do with a wig**
 - A. Don't throw it in a bag
 - B. Don't use bobby pins that don't match
 - C. Don't use heat on it
 - D. Don't do a total restyle without help!
 - E. Don't re-style a wig without first talking to the costume coordinator and/or other e-board members but don't be afraid to style your wig! In fact, you should restyle your wig! They need to be pristine.
- V. **Some things you should do with your wig**
 - A. Perform maintenance on your wig after every visit. If you need help, consult your costume coordinator or use the constructive criticism group!
 - B. Be careful when putting in and out bobby pins.

- C. Some wigs are more complicated than others to restyle, and some might need to be professionally redone. In order to cut down how much they need to be professionally redone, do minor fixes after every visit.
- D. If you need to wash a wig, place it in a bucket with fabric softener and warm (not hot) water in it then soak for an hour, then rinse with room temperature water, then let air dry DO NOT blow dry it. This should be done sparingly during the wig's lifetime.

VI. **Take care and maintain costumes**

- A. Costuming plays a huge role in making your characters come to life. It is important to maintain them and take very good care of them.
- B. In order to make sure we look our best, as well as to make our costumes last as long as possible, we have to take care of each of our costumes.
- C. Each costume piece should get hung on its own hanger. Costumes should be immediately returned to their garment bags when not worn. They should always be transported in garment bags.
- D. Before a visit, costumes should be steamed and checked thoroughly for any missing or damaged pieces.
- E. Always make sure to sign out the costumes that you are taking.
- F. Form a good relationship with a local dry cleaner and seamstress. Damage to costumes do happen and it's good to have a business partnership that you can trust.
- G. Remember to always be proactive with your costumes. We want to preserve the longevity of the costume life!

VII. **Utilize the character database**

- A. There are video tutorials for make-up
- B. Read your Disney Wiki page which is copied into the database
- C. Study the provided pictures for poses
- D. Study any extra helpful links provided like Youtube of face characters ect.

VIII. **Executive Board Updates** - Have each Executive Board member discuss what they have been up to. Each week, members should say what they've been planning and what they need help with. Not every member will need to report each week.