Fan Forum VIP Giveaway Rules

Anyone may sign up for the Smithsonian Fan Forum, but to be eligible for a prize you must be a first time participant in the Fan Forum and a natural person, U.S. resident, 18 years of age or older, but not a regent, officer, employee, fellow, intern, research associate, or volunteer of the Smithsonian Institution or a member of any of the foregoing’s immediate family or household.

To enter, between March 1st-March 10th, 2016, Eastern Time, sign up for the first time for the Smithsonian Fan Forum using a valid email address. There is no entry fee, and you may unsubscribe at any time without affecting your chances of winning. Enter once; multiple entries void.

The Smithsonian will award five prizes. The prize is a “VIP” tour for the winners and each winner’s guest, who also must be over the age of 18 of the Smithsonian Castle (Fair Market Value $0) to be offered on April, 17th 2016 at 11:30am. If prize becomes unavailable for any reason, the Smithsonian reserves the right to substitute a prize of like or equal value. Winners may not request prize substitution.

The Smithsonian will select the winners based on a randomized drawing on March 16th, 2016. Odds of winning depend on number of entries received.

The Smithsonian will notify the winner using the email provided during sign up. If winner does not respond to the notification within five business days another winner will be chosen. Failure to respond within five business days means the winner forfeits the prize.

Winners are responsible for his or her travel or other costs associated with acceptance and usage of the prize, and taxes, if any.

All entrants hold the Smithsonian, its regents, officers, employees, and volunteers harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant’s participation in the contest, and receipt or use of the prize.

Winners and their guests may be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility and publicity release as a condition of receiving the prize, but also, because the VIP tour may show objects that are rare or fragile and locations that are not typically open to the public, winners and their guests must agree to follow the reasonable instructions of Smithsonian staff regarding safety and security as well as the appropriate care and handling of any collections objects, or other materials that are shown on the tour.
The Smithsonian is not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond its control. The Smithsonian reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these Rules; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. The Smithsonian reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at any time for any reason at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Smithsonian reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. By entering this contest, entrants agree to be bound by these Rules and the decisions of the Smithsonian, which are final and binding in all respects.

After March 20, 2016, you may obtain a list of winners by sending a self-addressed, stamped (first-class postage) envelope to The Office of Public Affairs; 1000 Jefferson Dr. SW, Washington, D.C. 20013, attention: Fan Forum VIP Giveaway.