THIS IS HALLOWEEN!

OCTOBER 18-20, 2024

CROWNE PLAZA MINNEAPOLIS WEST | PLYMOUTH, MN



JOIN THE ANIME FUSION CREW

We are a nonprofit convention that is run entirely by volunteers. It takes a lot of dedicated team members to keep Fusion running, and we need your help!

Staffing is a great way to meet other fans in the community and make new friends! Staff service is also a fun way to get paid volunteer hours from your job or to obtain school credit, plus it looks great on a resume. Team members work pre-scheduled hours at the convention, so you're free to enjoy the event the rest of the event and its offerings.

Being an official staff member comes with several exclusive perks:

- Complimentary registration for the convention
- A special staff rate on hotel rooms at the convention venue

- Access to the Staff Lounge during the con, with snacks and beverages
- A Sunday night Staff Party (sometimes our Guests of Honor join us as well!)
- The ability to run for the QCA Board of Directors and vote in the annual election
- Goodies and social time at staff meetings and events throughout the year
- A sense of accomplishment by working with great people to create something special

If you are curious about joining staff, go ahead and reach out to us at voluteers@animefusion.net! We are actively seeking people for the following areas: Artist Alley/Dealers Room, Engineering/Tech, Hotel Relations, Logistics, Marketing, Merchandise, Operations, Partnerships, Safety, and Volunteers teams.

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A NOTE FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIR

We're really doing it!

Our comfy little con is starting to build momentum, get new activities, events, and performers, and being able to offer you an even more unique and fun experience. I've wanted to show you all (and ourselves) what we can do for so long, and I am thrilled to see it starting to come to life!

There's still bumps and curves in the road ahead, but I am determined that if we pull together and dig down deep, we can get there. Even farther - even better - than we are now. And I hope that you'll all come along with us on that journey.

Thank you for your continued (or newly added) support, and have a blast this weekend!

- Damarra Atkins (they/them)

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PATRON SUPPORTERS

Amber Welisser Jacob Corbett Aloxia Knudson	Brianna Jackson	Lawrence Smith	,	Robert Caldwell
Alexia Knudson	Jazmyn Smith	Keenan Smith	Robert Flood	



Posting to social media? Use our official hashtags! #AnimeFusion2024 #ThisIsHalloween

GET FEATURED!

Tag **@AnimeFusionCon** and use hashtag **#FusionFeature2024**

for a chance to have your photos featured on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

Don't forget to also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for convention updates, community information, and anime news! All can be found with **@AnimeFusionCon.**

BASIC RULES

- Don't break the hotel! Signs may only be posted using blue painter's tape.
- Be kind to your fellow attendees. Keep the hallways clear, watch out for large props and trailing costumes, and ask permission before taking photos.
- No sleeping in any convention spaces. No exceptions.
- No real weapons! Live steel is not allowed anywhere in the hotel, even if peace-bonded.
 Prop guns must be clearly identifiable as props on sight (i.e. marked with orange tips).
- Anime Fusion is an all-ages event. Please be mindful of your language and surroundings, and be considerate to everyone around you. Additionally, alcohol cannot be carried openly or brought into convention spaces.
- If it's illegal outside the convention, it's illegal inside the convention.
- Our complete costume policy, weapons policy, and harassment policy can be found online at animefusion.net.

CLOTHING & COSPLAY

- Anime Fusion is an all-ages event. All clothing worn in convention space must be appropriate for our overall PG-13 rating
- Clothing printed with pornographic imagery, including "ahegao" collage prints, is not permitted.
- The "bikini" areas of the body must be covered by solid material that is not see-through. This includes the entire buttocks and breast area, for all genders. Attendees who are not sufficiently covered may be asked to change clothes. Non-clothing items that can be easily lost, such as towels, are not considered sufficient covering.
- All pieces of a costume must remain in the cosplayer's control at all times. No glitter,

flower petals, or anything else that might flake off and create a mess unless it has been permanently secured to the costume.

- Costumes must be safe for a crowded public space. No sharp edges or sharpened points. Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Anime Fusion is committed to providing a comfortable environment for its attendees.
 Attendees displaying symbols, text, or imagery that is deemed hateful or offensive may be asked to remove those items. Law enforcement uniforms that are realistic enough to cause potential confusion are not permitted.
- Out of respect for those who have lost loved ones, we ask that you not wear clothing or carry signs that make light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HARASSMENT POLICY

We do not tolerate harassment in any form. Harassment includes offensive verbal or written comments, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, unwelcome photography or recording, sustained disruption of panels or other events, inappropriate physical contact, unwelcome emails or social media content, and unwelcome attention.

Certain clothing, text on clothing, signs, or behaviors that could be considered hate speech may also constitute harassment even if not directed toward a specific individual. Attendees asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Violators may be expelled from the convention without a refund.

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have related concerns, please contact a staff member immediately.

PARKING INFO

The Crowne Plaza has a surface lot and a twostory parking ramp on the hotel property, along with the athletic club parking area which is also available for us to use. The Crowne has also obtained permission from the city of Plymouth for attendees to park on Xenium Lane, between Campus Drive and 34th Avenue (on the west side of the road). Attendees may also park in the Atria building's lot, with restricted hours allowed between 7am and 11pm. Cars remaining after 11pm are subject to possibly being towed at owner's expense.

LIVESTREAM (ONLINE CONTENT)

This year we will not be able to offer online streaming of the event. However, we will have overflow viewing of our cosplay masquerade in select convention spaces, broadcast for your convenience!

REGISTRATION COPENHAGEN

FRIDAY: 9 AM - 9 PM SATURDAY: 9 AM - 9 PM SUNDAY: 9 AM - 4:30 PM

ACCESSIBILITY + PATRON PICKUP STARTING AT 8:45 AM DAILY

BADGE PICK-UP: Identification is required to pick up a pre-registered membership badge. Attendees who are 18 years or older must show a government- issued ID with their birthdate and photo to pick up their badge. If you are under 18 and do not have a way to verify your identity, a parent or guardian over the age of 18 can pick it up for you. Please note that a photo ID is still required to enter 18+ events; your convention badge is not enough identification to attend adult programming.

Anime Fusion reserves the right to not issue a badge to anyone who cannot prove their identity.

In the event that your pre-registration is not found in our records, proof of payment such as a PayPal receipt will help us issue your badge. Pre-registered attendees can also pick up their badges in Operations when Registration is closed.

WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS: If you did not pre-register, you may purchase a badge at the convention. Both weekend memberships and day passes are available at Registration during normal operating hours. Day passes are valid until 9:00 AM the following day. Outside of Registration hours, full weekend badges can be purchased in Operations. Day passes are not available after hours.

WALK-UP REGISTRATION RATES:

FULL WEEKEND	SATURD
Adult: \$60	Adult:
Child: \$30	

ATURDAY ONLY Adult: \$45

FRIDAY ONLY	SUNDAY ONLY
Adult: \$40	Adult: \$25

BADGE REPLACEMENTS: Your membership badge has value and should be taken care of like money or an ID. If you lose your badge, you can purchase a replacement at Registration for a \$20 fee. We do not offer refunds if your original badge is found, so we recommend checking with Operations and the hotel front desk to see if anyone has turned in a lost badge before you purchase a new one. **TRANSFERS:** Your convention badge is a registered membership, not a ticket. You may not give your badge to anyone else or allow anyone else to use it. If you need to transfer your membership to someone else, you can do so at the Registration desk during normal operating hours. Transfers cannot be processed after hours or for badges that have already been picked up.

PATRONS: Thank you for your support! Please make sure to stop by the Merchandise area to pick up your T-shirt and goodie bag.



OPERATIONS & SAFETY VISTA ROOM

Friday: 9:00 am - 2:30 am Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:30 am Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Lost something? Got a question? Need help from staff? Operations is the convention's main source for general information, afterhours badge pickup, and the Lost & Found. If you can't make it down to the Vista room to see us, scan our handy dandy QR code to submit a lost item report, to notify us of any issues, or to ask your questions. As you're wandering the halls you can also get help and information from our Safety team, staff members in Anime Fusion lab coats, or the convention emergency hotline.

Please note lost and found items are kept in storage from year to year - if you think you've misplaced something from years prior please stop by and check! This excludes any unsealed containers of loose glitter - this prohibited item will go straight in the trash.

The emergency hotline number is printed on the back of every Anime Fusion membership badge and is a direct line to Operations. It accepts calls and text messages.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

- •We will have a sign at the lobby with guidance for Registration lines to help with clarity for attendees.
- •Reg will have Accessibility + Patron hours this year for badge pick-up 15 minutes prior to regular hours during con.
- Folks with Accessibility needs and considerations will also have a separate line and queue option for picking up their badge.
- •We will have badge ribbons with certain signifiers for those with accessibility considerations. These will be available at Registration.
- •We will have food sensitivity notifications available at Con Fuel for attendees.
- •We will have awareness sheets at the entrance to our panel rooms to inform people of what they can expect from certain activities.
- •We will have awareness sheets posted outside of each room party to notify people of sensitivity considerations.



If you ever feel unsafe at the convention and there are no staff members around, you can contact us at [612] 547-8224 for immediate assistance.



CON FUEL

CONFERENCE ROOM E Friday: 5 PM - 12 AM Saturday: 9 AM - 12 AM Sunday: 9 AM - 5 PM



Con Fuel is where we serve our attendees FREE rice, ramen, snacks, and various thirst-quenching beverages. Due to COVID-19

and other transmissible illnesses, we firmly request that everyone make use of the hand sanitizer available in the room when you enter, prior to touching anything on the line We also encourage masks in the Con Fuel space when you're not actively eating. Please pay attention to any signs, and clear the tables when you're finished so that everyone can experience a clean and pleasant eating area!

- •Sleeping is not allowed in Con Fuel.
- Everybody is expected to pick up after themselves.
- Please alert staff members of any spills immediately.
- Any personal items left in Con Fuel will be taken to Operations immediately, so always start your search there.

As always, please remember that Con Fuel should not be where you get all your food. Con Fuel is meant to help sustain you, but you should have plans for other meal options; whether ordering out, going to a local restaurant, or bringing food with you.

CONCESSIONS KIOSK

MAIN LEVEL Friday: 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM Saturday: 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM Sunday: Closed



The Crowne Plaza operates a concessions stand outside Conference Rooms D and E where

they offer a variety of items for sale, such as hot dogs, chili, pizza (simple varieties), popcorn, and chicken fingers. Toppings and condiments include cheese, onions, ketchup, mustard, bbq sauce, and mayo. A variety of sodas and drink options are also available. Napkins and utensils are provided.

FAMILY ACTIVITY ROOM STUDIO 11

Here with your family, or maybe you just like to color? Anime Fusion is happy to provide a fun place for parents and kids of all ages to take a break and hang out in our Family Activity Room! One of our goals is to bring families together via anime; so come on over for a family-friendly room featuring small crafting activities, anime coloring sheets, and more!

As a reminder: This room is intended for parents and children to enjoy together. Please do not leave your children unattended anywhere at the convention.

QUIET ZONE STUDIO 8

Sometimes the hustle and bustle of convention life can be too much, and you need a nice quiet space to relax. Anime Fusion has a dedicated low-sensory quiet room that is close to the rest of the convention, but separate from all the action, for you to utilize whenever you may need it. We provide fidget toys, comfortable seating, and soft low-level lighting to help you relax. If for whatever reason you need someone to assist you, feel free to grab one of our staff members in the lab coats or with a staff badge. Safety members too!

MANGA LIBRARY STUDIO 12

There's nothing like curling up with a good book. Anime Fusion is proud to bring you its very own manga library! Rediscover an old favorite or check out something new in this comfy reading nook. We are also accepting donations of your used manga to help build up our collection. Ask a staff member how you can help make a difference!

VOLUNTEERS

REACTOR LOUNGE (FIRESIDE) Friday: 2 PM - 10 PM Saturday: 12 PM - 10 PM Sunday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Interested in helping out? Want to get some behind-the-scenes convention experience? As a volunteer, you help make our convention possible, and you can receive rewards for your time and effort. Volunteers often check badges to keep our convention secure, serve food to the other attendees in Con Fuel, and help out in other areas where they are needed. Plus, any volunteer who exceeds 12 hours will earn a free badge to the following year's convention!

GUESTS OF HONOR

GARETH WEST

Voice Actor

Gareth is an actor, model, and voice actor based out of Los Angeles. He is known for such Anime roles as; Ittetsu Takeda in Haikyu, Seiya Takehaya in Tsurune, Kanichi

Konishi in Food Wars, Haruka Shinozaki in My Girlfriend Is Shobitch, Lizard Misty in Saint Seiya, 2D in Golden Time, Akihiro Tsukaba in Chihayafuru, Tomoaki Yamagishi in O Maidens In Your Savage Season, and Dinkuron in Log Horizon. He is also currently playing the role of Jason Lee Scott the Red Power Ranger in the upcoming release Red Rising: A Power Rangers Fan Film. When not making anime voices or acting, Gareth enjoys basically anything nerdy under the sun. So whatever it is you are into, chances are you can come up and geek out. Because there is nothing he likes more than getting enthusiastic, and making new friends!

LES CLAYPOOL Sound Engineer

Les Claypool was the owner/operator of Magnitude 8 Post from 1989 to 2016. In January of 1992, he was approached by U.S. Renditions and L.A. Hero to provide

audio services for their new joint venture of dubbing anime into English. Early "garage studio days" projects included episodes of Orguss, Guyver, Macross II, Ambassador Magma, and Giant Robo.

Quickly outgrowing the garage, Les' facility eventually grew to encompass multiple rooms and two locations. Anime and game credits include Ace Combat, Akira (2001 Version), Ambassador Magma, Appleseed, Armitage III (series & movies), Big O, Blackjack, Black Magic M-66, Castlevania, Castle of Cagliostro (1999 & 2015), Catnapped, Code Geass, Cowboy Bebop (5.1 Remixes), Devil May Cry, .hack, El Hazard, Fist of the North Star, Giant Robo, Ghost in the Shell, GitS: Innocence, Solid State Society, and Stand Alone Complex (52 episodes), Gundam 0080, 0083, and MS 08th Team, Guyver: Dark Hero (music

score), Serial Experiments Lain, Legend of Black Heaven, Macross Plus, Ninja Scroll, Orguss 02, Streetfighter II: The Animated Movie (1995 & 2015 versions), Trigun, Wings of Honneamise, and Wolf's Rain.

Les is currently working on a number of historical panels for convention appearances.

MARY CLAYPOOL

Script Writer

Mary Claypool is a veteran ADR, script, and publication writer who began her anime writing career in 1994 under the banner of L.A. Hero. Her first English script

adaptation was episode three of Giant Robo. From there, Mary went on to write hundreds of dubbing scripts for Anime features, series, and games including Armitage III (OVA), Armitage: Poly Matrix and Dual Matrix movies, Battle Athletes, Big O, Bushido Blade, Castle of Cagliostro, Code Geass, Cowboy Bebop, Devil May Cry, .hack, El Hazard, Ghost in the Shell, GitS: Innocence, Solid State Society, and Stand Alone Complex (52 episode series), Kekkaishi, Key the Metal Idol, Laws of the Universe Part 0 (Co-Writer), Legend of Black Heaven, Silent Bomber, Streetfighter II: The Animated Movie, Tsukikage Ran, and Wings of Honneamise.

Mary has also written English dubbing scripts for foreign live action projects released by various companies, including Disney and Netflix.



SAMURAI DAN & JILLIAN

Martial Arts/Comedy

Samurai Dan has been training and teaching the martial science of the Samurai warriors for over 25 years. Founder of the Akita-Ken Dojo, Dan

travels the US and Canada, dedicated to keeping the arts of Japan's greatest warriors alive. Aided by his amazing wife Jillian, and their adorable Akitas, the dynamic duo teach a variety of classes and lectures at cons everywhere. Be sure to like them on Facebook and join them on Discord!

FEATURED PARTNERS



HAUS OF HADES

Join Panic and friends while they perform their hearts out as your favorite characters! Super queer, super weird and super premium artists from

all over the Twin Cities will surprise you with the silliest, sexiest and stupidest acts you've ever seen, and all they demand are your cheers... And perhaps a dollar bill or two? ;)

HARISEN DAIKO

Since 2013, Harisen Daiko has shared the power and energy of taiko with the Greater Twin Cities Metro Area of Minnesota. They can commonly be found performing at a

variety of cultural, educational, and social events. Whether you are new to taiko or a seasoned fan, Harisen Daiko provides an unforgettable experience of Japanese kumidaiko with a Midwest flair.

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MIDNIGHT MINXES

Midnight Minxes is a fantastical adult cosplay entertainment group with a burlesque focus from all over the Midwest! Comprised of

multifaceted stage performers with eclectic talents from all shapes, sizes, and backgrounds. Our inspiration for our acts stems from our love of nerdy pop culture, such as: anime and comics to video games and tv shows. Each performer has a unique flavor of expression, whether it be cutesy and comedic or sultry and elegant, the Midnight Minxes are certain to captivate with our surprising tricks and magical flair. Bringing to life new ideas and providing astounding content for our audience to enjoy.

About our shows:

Our main event is 18+ and geared for the late-night crowd. Our shows are typically the highlight in Main Programming on Friday night at conventions. We try to provide upto a dozen unique performances inspired completely from nerd culture (Anime, Video Games, Comics, TV Shows & Movies). We are a diverse group that welcomes all bodies, ethnicities, genders, and abilities. While we have Minx members who perform with us regularly, we also give guest performers an opportunity to audition and perform with us as well!



THE SABER LEGION -MINNESOTA CHARTER

Come check out the Minnesota Charter for

the Saber Legion, an organization with a focus on armored LED saber combat! This talented crew will be bringing Anime Fusion an exhibition match followed by a Q&A. You can also visit their ambassador table outside of Main Events to learn more about their organization.

AMBASSADOR ROW VIKING LOUNGE

Like going to anime conventions? Want to learn about other events in the area? If you answered yes, head over to the Ambassador Row just outside of Main Events to visit with representatives from other local conventions and groups. Some will even have merchandise and registrations available to purchase.

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

•Gareth West - Saturday signing in Dealers room at his table. 5:30pm - 6:30 pm

- •Les and Mary Claypool Saturday signing in Dealers room at their table. **1:00pm 2:00pm**
- •Patrons/Guests meet and greet in panel 4 Saturday 8:30pm 9:30 pm

COSPLAY GUESTS



LARIRE COSPLAY

LaRire (luh RYE ree) Cosplay is a longtime competitor and contest runner, having won many awards for her performances and craftsmanship capabilities

(just ask her about her hand embroidery!) as well as being gifted the opportunity to judge at many Midwest events ranging in size from local 1 day conventions to Colossalcon North. She has been active in the Cosplay community since 2011, and an active competitor from 2013-2019. Since 2019, she has put more focus on her volunteer work for Cosplay departments by either assisting or running local shows.

She has supported the community through the years by being a resource for new cosplayers to bounce ideas off of, answering questions as a veteran competitor and longtime performer (since she was 8 years old, back in 1997!) as well as offering help to the conventions she attends.

She is really looking forward to meeting all of the contestants, and getting back in the saddle this coming 2024 convention year!

SARA SPOOKYSTITCH

Sara Spookystitch is a Minnesota based professional costume technician who has been cosplaying for 19 years and running educational panels for

over a decade. She is passionate about crafting in cosplay and connecting with other crafters and sharing knowledge. Sara is always pushing her skills to new heights, using her expertise in corsetry, mascot building, and tailoring to create dramatic structure and silhouettes. She is also a costumed volunteer and board member of Costumers for a Cause, a Minnesota based charity that brings costuming to kids.

Please go check out their work at: Saraspookystitch on Instagram, Facebook, and X. Website: spookystitch.weebly.com

ELENTARI



Sonja, aka Elentari Cosplay, has been creating cosplays for competitions since 2011. It all started with a simple Halloween costume that turned into a three year

project; leading to her first Masquerade. The welcoming community, careful judging process, and time on stage had her hooked! She loves to challenge herself with a wide variety of materials, structures, and styles. Her cosplays range from shimmering ball gowns to large puppet constructions. Outside of cosplay, Sonja is a full time surgical nurse and dog mom.

Elentari is excited to see what all Fusion's cosplay community has cooking up this year! Be sure if you have time to check out her panels or say hello if you see her around the convention! We are happy to welcome Elentari as a cosplay guest this year!

PIPPIN PANIC

Entertainer



Pippin Panic (formerly known as Princewelcomematt) is an award-winning entertainer and drag king based out of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He's been a scare actor, a Spongebob mascot, a party princess, a TikTok

influencer, a murder mystery host, a funhouse operator, and a show producer, as well as being a notable local silly little guy. Leader to the Haus of Hades and President of the Kings and Things Werkshop at Lush Lounge and Theater (the only non-competitive king-oriented event in Minnesota), Panic can be described as just like Jack Black and Weird Al if they had pronouns. For Anime Fusion, he will be your costume contest emcee and halftime host as well as running panels like Can We Ship it and Gravity Falls: Book of Trivia.

COSPLAY CONTESTS - MAINSTAGE & HALL

MAINSTAGE COSPLAY CONTEST - RULES AND PROCEDURES

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

For full rules, please visit our webpage for the contest:

https://www.animefusion.net/highlights/ cosplay-contests/

Anime Fusion's Saturday evening event! The cosplay contest is packed full of talent each year so you won't want to miss the incredible costumes and performances! Our room fills fast so please expect to line up early if you wish to be in the mainstage room. We will have overflow seating and viewing in the Viking Lounge area.

The Cosplay Contest starts at 6PM on

Saturday. Come cheer for our amazing Anime Fusion cosplayers!

If you wish to participate in our mainstage cosplay contest:

- Online Sign-ups: if you signed up for our contest online, it is mandatory that you check in with the cosplay staff in the Cosplay Lounge (Helsinki) Friday between 4PM-8PM. You will be given your greenroom time and important information papers. You will also be able to sign up for your craftsmanship judging at this time. Failure to check in will result in removal from the contest. If you have a conflict with the check-in time, please reach out to the cosplay coordinators as soon as possible.
- At-con Sign-ups/Walk ups: At-con sign-ups for the mainstage cosplay contest will take place in the Cosplay Lounge (Helsinki). Sign-ups will be open starting Friday at 3PM and remain open until Friday at 8PM or until all spots are filled. We have a maximum of 10 spots available at-con and will take up to 5 waitlist spots. No Saturday sign-ups are available.

MISCELLANEOUS:

To access the stage, cosplayers will need to pass through a narrow hallway, so please plan your costume accordingly. We will have a shallow incline ramp for stage access. One additional handler per group may be brought into the greenroom and backstage if necessary. If you require more assistance, please contact the cosplay coordinators as soon as possible at cosplay@animefusion.net. Our cosplay staff is also willing to help with your consent if you do not have a handler.

All costumes must adhere to the Clothing and Cosplay Rules of the convention.

HALL COSPLAY CONTEST

This year, Anime Fusion is happy to offer a hall cosplay contest alongside our mainstage show. Hall cosplay is a low-key, no stage, no sweat, all fun contest where you get to show up in your costume, have your photo taken by our cosplay staff, and possibly win a prize! Open to all ages!

For full rules, please visit our webpage for the hall contest:

https://www.animefusion.net/highlights/ cosplay-contests/

The hall cosplay contest is open on Friday and Saturday only. One entry per day please!

Stop by the Cosplay Lounge (Helsinki) and talk to our Cosplay staff about entering:

Friday: 5PM – 8PM Saturday: 11AM – 3PM

Winners will be announced at our mainstage cosplay contest awards ceremony Saturday evening.

VENDOR INFORMATION

DEALERS ROOM REGENCY ROOM

Friday: 2:30 PM - 7 PM Saturday: 10:30 AM - 6 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM - 4 PM

Patrons may enter the vendor hall 30 minutes early each day.

In the Dealers Room, you'll find a full range of merchandise to suit any fandom. From games to collectible figures, it's all here!

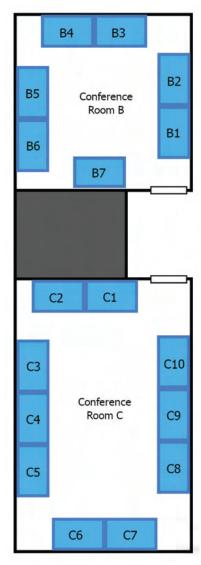
2024 DEALERS

	LW7	BW1	BW2	BW3		LW7 LW6 LW5 LW4	Jedi Master Thrash's Toys & Collectibles Chill Vibes Chill Vibes Wild Bills Soda
LW6					1	LW3 LW2 LW1	Wild Bills Soda Robot Dragon Studios Tabletop Shop
LW5		LM5	RM5			LM5 LM4	Ivy Lace Cartoon Passion
		LM4	RM4		RW5	LM3 LM2 LM1	Wisparia Pokepalooza Lily Davis Novels
LW4						RM5 RM4	The Pyrate Cove Cartoon Passion
LW3		LM3	RM3		RW4	RM3 RM2	The Spooky Sniper
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ANIME FUSION MERCHANDISE COPENHAGEN ROOM

Fri: 9 AM-6 PM Sat: 9 AM-6 PM Sun: 9 AM-4:30 PM Looking for a fun way to commemorate vour time at Anime Fusion? Look no further than our Merchandise department! Located right next to Registration, you can pick up some cool Anime Fusion-themed souvenirs like t-shirts, lanyards, stress relievers, posters, and more! Come check out our allnew Halloween-themed items!

VENDOR INFORMATION



ARTIST ALLEY CONFERENCE ROOMS B & C

Friday: 2:30 PM - 7 PM Saturday: 10:30 AM - 6 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM - 4 PM Patrons may enter the Artist Alley 30 minutes early each

day. Looking for a handmade product, a fanart print or button, or maybe a cute new plushie? Head over to Conference Rooms B and C on the main floor to visit our awesome, local artists! They make a wide variety of products from prints to cosplay pieces. Come support local artists and get something unique

2024 ARTISTS

at the same time!

- B1 MevrouwRoze Studios
- B2 EKMS Studio LLC B3 Prismatic Oasis
- Designs
- B4 Solace Studio
- B5 Ouji Studio
- B6 tauruslovestaurus
- B7 Cremechii

HALLWAY:

Scout Bennett Drawingcrows Starshine Plush heidibunnyart

- C1 Nakama Nerd-Op
- C2 Wolf Dynasty Studios
- C3 Fried Unicorn Studio
- C4 Fr00ggko
- C5 Maikuuro Art
- C6 Rinne Kanzaki
- C7 Cafe Hellmouth
- C8 Lemon Penguin
- C9 SweeToothGhost
- C10 haromochi

Craft Quest Honey Weasel Candles AstroManatee

TABLETOP GAMING

HIGHLANDER GAMES CONFERENCE ROOM F

Friday: 2 PM - 12 AM Saturday: 10 AM - 12 AM Sunday: 10 AM - 3 PM

Highlander Games is proud to bring you a weekend of Tabletop Gaming! Whether it is TCGs, board games, or RPG's we have something for everyone. So grab your decks, playmats, and dice and let's play some games!



TABLETOP GAMING EVENTS

ALL WEEKEND

PLAY FOR KEEPS!

Open Gaming. Heroquest campaigns, Pokemon League Battles. And even more!

FRIDAY

YUGIOH 6 PM \$5 entry Advanced format 1 Pack for playing and 1 pack per win

MAGIC COMMANDER 7 PM Free Play Get a promo just for signing up thru the Magic Companion App

NSFW GAMING 18+ 10PM

Play one of your Adult focused games, Be ready to show ID to get in on the action



POKEMON BUILD & BATTLE 11 AM \$25 Entry Grab a Build & amp; Battle box, build your deck and play in 3 rounds, promo pack for each win and go undefeated and get a Special Dice and damage set.

THE CONDEMNED 12 PM \$10

Play this locally made game by Anime Fusion Staff member Ryan Juel. Learn to play followed by a quick draft. You may even get a special promo card.

DISNEY'S LORCANA 2PM \$5

Lumineers bring your decks and win some awesome promos and pins!

DUNGEONS & AMP; DRAGONS 5 PM FREE

Come play DD with us and earn a special 50th anniversary D20

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MAGIC DRAFT 1 PM \$20 Draft the newest of Magic the Gathering and earn promos!

SETTLERS OF FUSION[CATAN] 1 PM \$5 It's your time to show if you are the best Settler of Fusion. Special promos for playing and winning!

VIDEO GAMING

VIDEO GAMING CONFERENCE ROOM I

Friday & Saturday: 10 AM - 1 AM Sunday: 10 AM - 5 PM

Chomping bits and smashing pixels! We've got your video gaming needs covered. No tricks! We treat you to all the gaming time you'd like! Be sure to take care of yourself physically throughout the weekend; this includes getting enoughsleep (just not here), eating, hygiene, and hydration.

VIDEO GAMING EVENTS

RETRO BLACK SHEEP

CONFERENCE ROOM H This year, our competitive tournaments will be a set of awesome retro fighters courtesy of Black Sheep Gaming – Minnesota!

Friday: Marvel vs Capcom 2 – 6:30PM Mystery (retro) game – 8:00PM Saturday: Bust-a-Move 4 – 1:30PM Street Fighter III: 3rd Strike – 4:00PM

Enjoy current generation games or some "modern" classics. Retro more your style? We will have games for NES, SNES, Genesis, N64, and more! Come play!

Sunday:

Random/Mystery Tournament – 2:00pm

For more information: https://www.start.gg/tournament/anime-fusion-this-is-halloween-retro-tournaments/details



SPECIAL FEATURES

KITAKU MAID & BUTLER CAFE

Kitaku Maid & Butler Cafe is excited to serve you again at Anime Fusion! Join the maids



and butlers for yummy snacks, cute dances, and fun for people of all ages and interests!

Please note that the Kitaku Cafe is a separately ticketed event

and you will need both an Anime Fusion convention badge and a cafe ticket to attend. Tickets are available for purchase in the hotel lobby near Registration.

AMTGARD ACTION ROOM

CUNFERENCE RUUM (Friday: 4 PM - 10 PM Saturday: 11 AM - 8 PM Sunday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Have some fun with foam in our boffer room, hosted by Twin Cities Amtgard!

Interested in fast-paced medieval combat? In Amtgard, you can use safe boffer replicas to

take the field in everything from one on one tournaments to large wars. Amtgard is a world-wide organization



dedicated to medieval and fantasy combat sports and recreation. They use padded weapons, fantasy and authentic clothing, and imagination to immerse players in a world of heroic combat, quests, crafts, and more.

No matter if your interest is competitive sports fighting, finding an outlet for your creative talents, or honing your leadership skills, Amtgard has something to offer you!

The chapter of Amtgard within the Twin Cities is called Greenharbor and they play at River Park south pavillion in Brooklyn Park, Saturdays 1pm – 4pm.

For midwesterners, check them out at midwestlarp.com, or at amtgard.com.

TC Amtgard will provide everything you need to join in on the action. They will be opening the doors each day of the con for instruction and games. Bring your friends, your family, and your enemies and hit them with foam swords. Visiting spectators are welcome, but participation is encouraged!

TWISTED TAILS ESCAPE ROOM

Friday: 12pm - 4pm, 5pm - 10pm Saturday: 10am - 2pm, 3pm - 7pm, 8pm - 10pm Sunday: 10am - 4pm

Your team of space cadets receives a distress signal from a nearby ship. They appear to be in trouble and your team must act quickly



if you're going to save them! Judging by their distress signal, it sounds like the ship will self-destruct in 45

 minutes. Board the vessel, use clues to solve puzzles, and save the captain before time runs out!

Tickets are

\$25 per person with a maximum of 10 players per group. You can book online at twistedtailsescape.com or in person at our table by the escape room itself. Players by themselves or in a small group will be paired up with other like-minded adventurers to a maximum of 10 players per game. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at info@twistedtailsescape.com.

COSPLAY LOUNGE HELSINKI ROOM Friday 2PM - 8PM Saturday 11AM - 5PM Sunday: 10AM - 5PM

The hub for cosplay information at Anime Fusion! Hosted by our Cosplay Department, this lounge provides an area for contest checkin/sign-up, Hall cosplay contest participation, and a chill space to chat cosplay and hang out with friends! We also have a cosplay repair station for cosplayers on the go!

COSPLAY LOUNGE RULES:

- No photography is permitted in this room outside of the designated "photography area." Please respect our resting and repairing cosplayers.
- Do not leave your personal belongings in

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the Lounge. Anime Fusion Cosplay Staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

- If it's not yours, don't touch it at least not without asking first.
- No food or drinks that could stain if dropped or spilled. Grapes are great! Grape juice is a no-no!
- Please pick up after yourself when you leave. No one likes litter.
- Non-consumable cosplay first aid kit items and tools should not leave the room. Please do your repairs in the Lounge.

ROOM PARTIES

We would like to invite everyone from the convention to a party! That's right, anyone that has purchased an Anime Fusion badge is able to attend. And the best part is, it's free (but don't forget to tip if you can)!

As always, these wonderful parties can't happen without you, the attendees. We would like to thank our numerous party hosts this year for taking the time and effort to provide us with awesome experiences! We are so excited to have such a variety of options, and it's all thanks to you.

Important FYI's:

Any 21+ room parties require a valid government ID to enter.

To find the party area, take the guest rooms elevator to the ground floor or take the stairs down from the sleeping room wing. Only those that have applied and registered with Anime Fusion can be permitted to have an open-door room party. Any other unofficial parties will be asked to close their door.

Retro Rewind Room 0004 Friday: 6 PM - 12 AM Saturday: 6 PM - 12 AM

Relax and rewind by taking a trip down memory lane with your favorite classic anime (played on VHS format, of course). We will have snacks and juice pouches as well!

Minicon: Next Gen 21+ Room 0006 Friday: 8:00 PM - 2:30 AM Saturday: 8:00 PM - 2:30 AM

Minicon is the longest running volunteer-run Sci-Fi Convention in the Midwest (on our 58th year). We're a community driven general fannish convention, branching out to more gaming, anime, and other related themes. Come by our party for a small taste of our community and some Blog, our official drink!

DANCES

Friday & Saturday: 11:00PM - 2AM Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Looking to let out a little extra energy and dance the night away? We'll have two different dances to suit your fancy!

Friday night features an EDM and videogame remix set for those who want to get lost in memories, and work up a sweat for that final boss fight!

Saturday night's dance will be a Homecoming vibe for those who want something a little slower; featuring pop music, ballads, smooth grooves, and some anime music mixed in as well! Dress to impress – even if it's just for yourself.

MEET OUR DJS!



THEOLOGY

My name is Theology and I come from Minneapolis, MN. I am a DJ and Producer that makes club-ready video game remixes. I'm also a mental health activist and I believe that we can do so much more united than divided.

Check out Theology's website at https:// theologymusic.com/about!

JORGE SANCHEZ

Jorge has done weddings, birthdays, Halloween parties and even events like Twin Cities Pride. They bring a fun and exciting music selection, and we are so excited to have them perform with us for the first time!

SWAP MEET Europa Saturday: 10am - 2pm

Bring your stuff and swap it for different stuff! No sales allowed - trades only.

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PHOTO STUDIO Studio 9 Saturday: 11 AM - 7 PM Sunday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Stop by our Photo Studio to get a high-quality shot of you and your friends, your cosplay, or just your beautiful self!

This year the studio is hosted by Doug Beierle of Bee & Bee Photography, with assistance from Angel. Check out Save Point Photo, the FB group that he started to allow Cosplayers and Photographers to grow and learn from each other. https://www.facebook.com/savepointphoto

ALSO PROVIDING PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES THIS YEAR:

Lou Zurn (www.louisrzurn.com/)

T.J. (Ninja Tech Photography on Facebook)

Charlie (www.instagram.com/o2.supply/)

Please note that the only official photographers for the convention are those mentioned here or photographers wearing official Anime Fusion Staff badges..



Ninja Tech Photography



November 9th, 2024 Gateway Hotel & Conference Center

For one day, fans can gather to celebrate and experience anime together!

Cosplay Contest - Panels - Vendors - Food Trucks -Magic the Gathering Tournament - Esports - Scan to Register Today!



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10:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
11:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
11:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
12:00 PM	Closed	Closed	A Crash Course in	Closed	Bill'd a Panel
12:30 PM	Closed	Closed	Hatchetfield Lore	Navigating the	biiru a Panei
1:00 PM	Closed	Closed		Medical System Tips and Tricks!	
1:30 PM	Closed	Closed	30 Years of		Learn Blood on the
2:00 PM	Closed	Anime Dating Game	Sailor Moon	An Introduction To and The History of	Clocktower
2:30 PM	Anime Fusion's 2nd	Anime Dating Game		Cardfight Vanguard!	
3:00 PM	Annual Idol Fest!		Red Rising: A Power		DIY Anime
3:30 PM		That Time I Got Screening with Gareth			DITAIIIIe
4:00 PM	Setup	Reincarnated as a Popular Word Game		Get Off My Lawn!	
4:30 PM	Opening	Clear the Room	Anime or		
5:00 PM	Ceremonies	Win a DATE with Chilchuck Tims	Ani-Made Up?	Your Waifu is Trash	
5:30 PM		(18+)	Clear the Room	and Here's Why	
6:00 PM			Intro to Nerdlesque with Midnight Minxes		Japanese Mahjong for Beginners!
6:30 PM	Moonlight Idols: Color Your World	Puppy Photo Shoot with Kiba and Reina	(18+)	Amtgard: Fantasy	··· g
7:00 PM	Fest!	(and Samurai Dan)		Combat LARP	
7:30 PM					
8:00 PM	Set		Adventures in	Event Organizer	Jackbox Games
8:30 PM	36	up	Dubbing with Les and Mary Claypool	Roundtable	Jackbox Games
9:00 PM					
9:30 PM	Haus of Drag				Jackbox Games (18+)
10:00 PM	-3		Hypnosis Show		
10:30 PM	Set	tup	with Gareth West		
11:00 PM			Clear the Room	I'm Doing This Wrong with	
11:30 PM	:30 PM		YouTuber Danganronpa the	Samurai Dan (18+)	Karaoke
12:00 AM	Dar		Musical! (18+)		Narauke
12:30 AM	Dai			South Park Trivia	
1:00 AM			Morningstar	(18+)	Closed
1:30 AM			Sleepover Family Reunion	Closed	Closed
2:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

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Cosplay Corner	Video 1: Classic	Video 2: Current	
(Plymouth Room)	(Studio 6)	(Studio 7)	
Closed	Closed	Closed	8:00 AM
Closed	Closed	Closed	8:30 AM
Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00 AM
Closed	Closed	Closed	9:30 AM
Closed	Magic Knight	Closed	10:00 AM
Closed	Rayearth	Kubo Won't Let Me	10:30 AM
Closed	[D]	Be Invisible	11:00 AM
Closed		[S]	11:30 AM
Closed	Fate/Stay Night	I've Somehow Gotten	12:00 PM
Closed	(11:45) [S]	Stronger When I Improved My Farm-	12:30 PM
Closed	1-1	Related Skills	1:00 PM
You're A Cosplayer!		(12:15) [S]	1:30 PM
Now What?	Rose of Versailles		2:00 PM
Cosplay Posing for	[S]	School-Live!	2:30 PM
the Camera and Stage		[D]	3:00 PM
	Kimi ni Todoke	Endo and Kobayashi	3:30 PM
Cosplay for Spoonies	(3:15) [S]	Live! The Latest on Tsundere Villainess	4:00 PM
Don't Get Wigged Out!		Lieselotte	4:30 PM
Wig Styling 101		(3:45) [D]	5:00 PM
Don't Get Wigged Out!	Shaman King		5:30 PM
Wig Styling 201	[D]	Oshi no Ko	6:00 PM
Reduce Reuse		[S]	6:30 PM
ReCosplay!	Urusei Yatsura [1981]	Made In Abyss:	7:00 PM
Cons, Cosplay, and	(6:45)	Golden City of the	7:30 PM
Mobility Aids	[S]	Scorching Sun (7:15)	8:00 PM
Closed	Vampire Hunter D:	[S]	8:30 PM
Closed	Bloodlust		9:00 PM
Closed	[D] (18+)	Urusei Yatsura [2022]	9:30 PM
Closed	. ,	[D]	10:00 PM
Get Measured for a	Devilman	High School of the	10:30 PM
Chest Binder!	(10:15)	Dead	11:00 PM
Clear the Room	[S]	(10:45) [D]	11:30 PM
	Lunar Legend	(18+)	12:00 AM
N.S.F.W.B.B. Trivia Jutsu	Tsukihime		12:30 AM
(18+)	[S] (18+)	The Eminence in Shadow	1:00 AM
Closed	Closed	[S]	1:30 AM
Closed	Closed	Closed	2:00 AM
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SATURDAY SCHEDULE

	Main Stage	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4
	(Scandinavia Blrm)	(Oslo Room)	(Conference D)	(Board Room 2)	(Board Room 1)
8:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
8:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:00 AM		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:30 AM	Cosplay Contest	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
10:00 AM	Orientation	Idols of Anime			Getting Into Gunpla (Gundam Plastic
10:30 AM		Idois of Anime	Ghost in the Shell with Les and Mary	So You Wanna Go To Japan	Models)
11:00 AM	Ninja Olympics with Samurai Dan	Clear the Room	Claypool		
11:30 AM	and Jillian	Anime Characters: Smash or Pass?		Clear the Room	Make DIY Toys for
12:00 PM		(18+)		Meet & Greet / Q&A with Midnight Minxes	Shelter Animals!!
12:30 PM	Voice Acting Challenge with		Craziest Japanese	(18+)	
1:00 PM	Gareth West	Pippin Panic	Commercials		All About Ita Bags
1:30 PM		POWER HOUR	Clear the Room	Neopets in 2024	All About ha bays
2:00 PM	Jedi Lightsaber Class with Samurai		Mammon's Magnificent Musical Mid-Con Panel	Neopets III 2024	
2:30 PM	Dan and Jillian	Haus of Hades	(18+)		Controller Tear Down with Free
3:00 PM		Q&A		Vivid Idols!/Vivid Bad Squad	Geek Twin Cities!
3:30 PM	Harisen Daiko		Akira & Armitage	Performance!	
4:00 PM	Transen Daiko		with Les Claypool		Anime
4:30 PM	Setup			Disability and Chronic Illness	Anthropromorphics
5:00 PM	36	up	Sumeru Crew	Meetup	
5:30 PM	Sea	ting	Hangout		
6:00 PM				Frantic Fanfic Free-	
6:30 PM	Cosplay	Contest	Live Let's Play with		Japanese Mahjong for Beginners!
7:00 PM	Oospidy	Contest	Gareth West		Ũ
7:30 PM				D4DJ - A Very Wild	
8:00 PM			Poké-Biology!	Multimedia Project	
8:30 PM	Clear th		. one biology:	Clear the Room	Sponsors/Guests
9:00 PM	Fusion Fanta with Midnic			Barbie Simp Fight Bracket	Meet & Greet
9:30 PM	(9:15)		Delicious in Dungeon: Food	(18+)	
10:00 PM			Rankings!		
10:30 PM	Setup		Clear the Room	It's Not a Phase, Mom!! Being	
11:00 PM			Cards Against	an Alt Adult	Karaoke
11:30 PM			Samurai Dan		Randolice
12:00 AM	Dar	ice	(18+)	Spooky Campfire	
12:30 AM	Dai			Stories	
1:00 AM			Vaggie's Trust Exercise Bootcamp	Closed	Closed
1:30 AM			(18+)	Closed	Closed
2:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

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	Video 2: Current	Video 1: Classic	Cosplay Corner
	(Studio 7)	(Studio 6)	(Plymouth Room)
8:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed
8:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed
9:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed
10:00 AM	Closed		Closed
10:30 AM		Cardcaptor Sakura [S]	Closed
11:00 AM	Yuki Yuna is a Hero [D]	[0]	3D Printing for
11:30 AM	[D]		Cosplay
12:00 PM		Digimon Adventure	How to Cos-plan like
12:30 PM	Reincarnated as a Sword	(11:45) [D]	an Engineer
1:00 PM	(12:15)		Wig Styling and
1:30 PM	[D]		Designing
2:00 PM	Daily Lives of High	Princess Tutu [D]	It's a Cinch
2:30 PM	[D] Daily Lives of High School Boys	[D]	Corsets: 101
3:00 PM	[S]		Cosplay Design
3:30 PM		Gurren Lagann	Studio
4:00 PM	My Next Life as a Villainess (3:45)	(3:15) [S]	Tacticool Cosplay
4:30 PM			101
5:00 PM	[D]		Closed
5:30 PM	Aoharu x	Kyo Kara Maoh! [D]	Closed
6:00 PM	Machinegun	[0]	Closed
6:30 PM	[D]		Closed
7:00 PM	YUSIBU: I Couldn't	Street Fighter II	Closed
7:30 PM	Become a Hero, So I Reluctantly Decided	(6:45) [S]	Closed
8:00 PM	to Get a Job (7:15)		Closed
8:30 PM	[S]	Uzumaki	Closed
9:00 PM		[S]	
9:30 PM	Vinland Saga [D]	(18+)	Happily EVA After
10:00 PM	[-]		It's a Cinch
10:30 PM	Parasyte	Ghost Stories [D]	Corsets: 201
11:00 PM	-the maxim- (10:45)	[2]	Clear the Room
11:30 PM	[D]	Dat Shan of Llama	
12:00 AM	(18+)	Pet Shop of Horrors (11:45)	Can We Ship It? (18+)
12:30 AM	Genshiken Second	[S]	()
1:00 AM	Generation	(18+)	Closed
1:30 AM	[S]	Closed	Closed
2:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed

SWAP MEET Europa Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

	Main Stage	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	
	(Scandinavia Blrm)	(Oslo Room)	(Conference D)	(Board Room 2)	
8:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
8:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
9:00 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
9:30 AM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
10:00 AM	The Saber Legion	Closed	Closed	Closed	
10:30 AM	Minnesota	Over The Garden	Closed	Afro X LIVE at	
11:00 AM		Wall Q&A	Love Live	Anime Fusion!!!!	
11:30 AM			Random Dance!!		
12:00 PM	Adventures in Live Action with Les and	The Great Tumblr			
12:30 PM	Mary Claypool	Sexyman Debate		I Need a Hug with Samurai Dan	
1:00 PM				and Jillian	
1:30 PM		Homestuck Changed My Life: How Fandom			
2:00 PM	Portray Yourself	Makes Us Better	Anime Guess Who		
2:30 PM	r onday rouisen				
3:00 PM		Q&A Fun Times with		Real Sword or Piece of Crap with Samurai Dan	
3:30 PM		Gareth West	Coco's Random	and Jillian	
4:00 PM	Setup	Closed	Dance!	Closed	
4:30 PM	Closing	Closed	Closed	Closed	
5:00 PM	Ceremonies	Closed	Closed	Closed	
5:30 PM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
6:00 PM	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	



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Panel 4	Cosplay Corner	Video 1: Classic	Video 2: Current		
(Board Room 1)	(Plymouth Room)	(Studio 6)	(Studio 7)		
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Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8:00 AM	
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8:30 AM	
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00 AM	
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	From Concept to		Closed	10:00 AM	
Nihongo Chatto	Creation: Original Design in Cosplay	Gurren Lagann [D]	Is the Order a	10:30 AM	
	Screen Printing with		נטן	Rabbit?	11:00 AM
Some Japanese	Vicemage	Magic Knight Rayearth (11:45)		[S]	11:30 AM
Tips on Life and Living	Making Mascots for Cosplay		Ground Control to Psychoelectric Girl	12:00 PM	
g				12:30 PM	
Ball-Jointed Doll	Make it Extra: How	(12:15)	(12:15)	(12:15)	1:00 PM
Basics	to make any cosplay your own		[S]	1:30 PM	
	Great Cosplay	Fate/Stay Night		2:00 PM	
Meet DEI&B Team	Hacks	[0]	My Love Story!! [D]	2:30 PM	
Plus Open Floor		Closed	[5]	3:00 PM	
Closed		Closed	Closed	3:30 PM	
Closed		Closed	Closed	4:00 PM	
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	4:30 PM	
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	5:00 PM	
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	5:30 PM	
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	6:00 PM	

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A CRASH COURSE IN HATCHETFIELD LORE WITH MAX JAGERMAN 12:00 PM. Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

A comprehensive analysis of starkids: hatchetfield, a trilogy of musicals including the guy who didn't like musicals, Black Friday, and nerdy prudes must die. Join me for the infodump of the century!!

BILL'D A PANEL WITH BILL

12:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Come hangout with Bill as he talks about what to see and do at the convention.

ANIME FUSION'S 2ND ANNUAL IDOL FEST! WITH JETT COBB

12:30 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Do you like Idols? Or just J-POP? Then come stop by Anime Fusion's 2nd Idol Fest to witness multiple performers share their passion for the stage with you! Don't forget your penlights!!

NAVIGATING THE MEDICAL SYSTEM TIPS AND TRICKS! WITH SOLEIL 12:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Join Soleil (cinnamonyostylist) to discuss the tips and tricks collected over the years for navigating the medical system including finding providers, talking to doctors, and figuring out insurance woes! No medical or legal advice will be given!

30 YEARS OF SAILOR MOON WITH HEATHER 1:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

From the original manga to the new Cosmos movies, it's the series that keeps on giving! Which generation of fan are you? DiC dub? Viz release? Crystal series? Have you ever seen any of the musicals? Let's take a quick trip through the legendary series that introduced so many of us to anime. Sailor Moon says: "Tsuki no hikari wa ai no message."

LEARN BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER WITH MORITZ LINDNER 1:30 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

A peaceful morning in Ravenswood Bluff is disrupted by murder. Learn this role based deduction game where

lies and betrayal run rampant and death is not the end. This panel will teach you the basics and have you make decisions that impact a mock game.

YOU'RE A COSPLAYER! NOW WHAT? WITH BEEHIVIAN, KORGIMOONCOSPLAYS, CEOLSONCOSPLAYS

1:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

We all love wearing cosplays at conventions, but what else can you do with this hobby? From social media, to cosplay music videos, to cosplay volunteering, let's talk cosplay outside the convention hall!

ANIME DATING GAME WITH MAX OCATO, TOWN GUARD 2:00 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Come find love and meet new and exciting individuals. Our lucky Bachelor or Bachelorette will ask a panel of contestants questions, then pick one to fall in love with.

AN INTRODUCTION TO AND THE HISTORY OF CARDFIGHT VANGUARD! WITH SHAWN 2:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Are you looking for a new hobby to get into? Have you ever wanted to try out a card game before? Interested in discovering a new anime franchise? Come to this panel and you can learn all about this vast IP that also has a video games too!

COSPLAY POSING FOR THE CAMERA AND STAGE WITH LARIRE COSPLAY 2:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Come join Cosplay Guest LaRire Cosplay as she gives tips and tricks for looking amazing in your photos and on stage! She will be available to also give individual critiques (time/space permitting).

RED RISING: A POWER RANGERS FAN FILM SCREENING WITH GARETH WEST 3:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

An exclusive screening of the dark reimagining of the 90's classic property. With writer/actor Gareth West.

DIY ANIME WITH MICHAEL, JOEY 3:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Inspired by your favorite anime or stories and want to create your own? This panel will teach you that no matter your current skill or trade you too can bring your vision to life. The crash course you need to start your dream!

THAT TIME I GOT REINCARNATED AS A POPULAR WORD GAME WITH PLAIDRED 3:30 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Do you like Isekai stories and a popular trademarked word game where you use nouns, adjectives, etc., to fill in the blanks to create a hilarious story? Come shout out words and find out what will happen next in our Isekai adventure story!

GET OFF MY LAWN! WITH HEATHER 3:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

When I was your age, I had to get my anime through

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fansubs! On VHS! With a money order! Uphill! Both ways! In the snow!

COSPLAY FOR SPOONIES WITH TWILIGHT JASMINE COSPLAY, PRISMATIC COSPLAY, HOSHI ROSETHORN COSPLAY

3:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

We will be providing tips for helping cosplayers with chronic, mental, and/or invisible illnesses, from time management and task organizing, to accommodating mobility aides or medical devices.

OPENING CEREMONIES

4:30 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Join us as we kick off the new spooky era of Anime Fusion! Meet our special guests, learn important information that will help you have a great weekend, and celebrate with us.

ANIME OR ANI-MADE UP? WITH

4:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Test your anime super sleuth skills and see if you can tell whether or not these anime or real or something we 100% made up.

DON'T GET WIGGED OUT! WIG STYLING 101 WITH WHITE LOTUS WITCH, S1LV3RFOX, CINNAMONYOSTYLIST 4:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

New to wigs and wig styling? Come Join White Lotus Witch, SilverFox, and CinnamonYoStylist, as we talk about the basics of wigs, and everything you need to get started to be the prettiest at the party in your amazingly styled wigs!

WIN A DATE WITH CHILCHUCK TIMS (18+) WITH FIZZYDANCHU 5:00 PM, Panel 1 (0slo)

Despite his protests Marcille insists it's time for Chilchuck to put himself out there in the dating pool again! Compete with others to win the heart of this divorced father of three.

YOUR WAIFU IS TRASH AND HERE'S WHY WITH MAX OCATO, TOWN GUARD 5:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Come argue why your favorite character is the best spouse, best at planning a date or engagement or just best over all against someone with a different opinion.

JAPANESE MAHJONG FOR BEGINNERS! WITH RITH KE 5:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Interested in learning about Mahjong but not knowing where to start? Then this event is for you! Come check out Japanese Mahjong made popular in video games such as Yakuza and anime such as Akagi. This is a casual learning experience and formal instruction will be provided for all beginners. Space is limited, please use the sign up sheets at the door for a time slot!

DON'T GET WIGGED OUT! WIG STYLING 201 WITH WHITE LOTUS WITCH, S1LV3RFOX, CINNAMONYOSTYLIST, ELENTARI COSPLAY

5:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Ever wonder how cosplayers make those gravity defying wigs? We got you! Come join White Lotus Witch, SilverFox, CinnamonYoStylist, and Cosplay Guest Elentrari Cosplay to talk about the ins and outs of intermediate to advanced wig styling!

INTRO TO NERDLESQUE (18+) WITH MIDNIGHT MINXES

6:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

We are the Midnight Minxes, a cosplay entertainment group from the Midwest and we're excited to expand your minds into the NSFW realm of nerdlesque. Please join us for a fun and educational panel where Minx members will teach you a routine that anyone will be able to learn! Don't be shy and come strut your stuff with us!

MOONLIGHT IDOLS: COLOR YOUR WORLD FEST! WITH ASRIEL, VIX, ELIJAH, ALEC, ESTHER, BASIL, JOU, COCO, ASPEN

6:30 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Light up your penlights and come join us as your favorite idols color the sky all night long! Including subunit, full group, and small group songs from Muse in Love Live: School Idol Project! We hope to see you there :-3 <3

PUPPY PHOTO SHOOT WITH KIBA AND REINA (AND SAMURAI DAN) 6:30 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Everyone knows the talent and looks that key Samurai Dan's "success" is really his fur baby Akitas, Kiba and Reina. Come get your picture taken with his furry friends, and maybe donate (freewill) to help out a local pet shelter.

AMTGARD: FANTASY COMBAT LARP WITH GREENHARBOR 6:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Join Twin Cities Amtgard in learning the history of Amtgard, learn what a boffer sport is, and how to join Amtgard nationally!

REDUCE REUSE RECOSPLAY! WITH DEWFEATHERS

6:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Environmentally sustainable cosplay? How does that work?? This is a panel on eco-friendly cosplay that removes the guilt and provides accessible methods to reduce your cosplay environmental footprint in fun and creative ways that don't feel limiting.

ADVENTURES IN DUBBING WITH LES AND MARY CLAYPOOL

7:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Join Les and Mary Claypool for a panel packed with over two decades of their personal behind-the-scenes stories.

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CONS, COSPLAY, AND MOBILITY AIDS WITH TWILIGHT JASMINE COSPLAY, PRISMATIC COSPLAY, HOSHI ROSETHORN COSPLAY

7:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Come join us as we talk about tips and tricks for being a mobility aid user and cosplaying / attending cons in general. Topics will include challenges we face, ideas for poses with different mobility aids, modifications to cosplays, and more!

EVENT ORGANIZER ROUNDTABLE 8:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

There are a lot of new geeky activities popping up in the Twin Cities area, and many events that have been running for decades. Are you an event organizer? Are you thinking about starting a new event of your own? Let's chat and learn from each other!

JACKBOX GAMES WITH KITKATCHAOSX

8:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Gather all your friends and family (including the kids)! We will be playing Jackbox Games - and as many as we can with censorship enabled so everyone can join in the fun! If you've never played at the con before, what are you waiting for?

HAUS OF HADES DRAG SHOW

9:00 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

This ain't your average drag show! Haus of Hades is back for a second year, better than ever! Prepare yourself for cosplay drag the likes of which you've never seen by some of the best Kings and Things the twin cities has to offer, hosted by Pippin Panic!

JACKBOX GAMES (18+) WITH KITKATCHAOSX

9:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Gather all your friends and (con) family! We will be playing Jackbox Games - and as many as we can - and the censorship will be disabled after the kids have been put to bed! If you've never played at the con before, what are you waiting for?

HYPNOSIS SHOW WITH GARETH WEST 10:00 PM. Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Come volunteer to get hypnotized or just sit back and watch, as actor Gareth West runs a good vibes Hypnosis Show!

GET MEASURED FOR A CHEST BINDER! WITH SARTORIAL PHYSICAL THERAPY AND WELLNESS, LLC

10:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

A geeky physical therapist + gc2b size guide + Privacy screen to help you find your size. Will accept binder donations to match them with a new owner during con.

DANCE 11:00 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom) I'M DOING THIS WRONG (18+) WITH

SAMURAI DAN

11:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Life lessons don't come easy to Samurai Dan. Hear him relive his most traumatic con moments during his stand-up show.

KARAOKE 11:00 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Show us what you got! (But please don't get schwifty in here.)

YOUTUBER DANGANRONPA THE MUSICAL! (18+) WITH KAZ, DANI, KEEGAN, KADE, LEAF, BEE, JOHN, NATALIE, FINN, SKYLAR.COSPLAYSSS, MARKUS, ROWAN, TAE, JAC 11:30 PM. Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

M.M.M's third musical with all your favorite YouTubers... killing each other? A new parody musical with songs such as "Love Thy Neighbor" "How could I refuse" and many more. Come to see who will survive, stay to get songs stuck in your head!

N.S.F.W.B.B. TRIVIA JUTSU (18+) WITH TRIVIA JUTSU AND SARTORIAL JUTSU 12:00 AM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Created last year at the last minute to *cough* fill a hole in the schedule. Returning per request: (N)ot (S)afe (F) or (W)ork (B)ecause (B)oobs - a trivia game show where the points don't matter, and everyone leaves a satisfied winner.

SOUTH PARK TRIVIA (18+) WITH BONNIE, MORGAN

12:30 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Need a break from flexing your anime knowledge? Come on down to South Park and meet some friends of mine! Jeopardy style trivia with prizes (punch and pie not included).

MORNINGSTAR SLEEPOVER FAMILY REUNION WITH ATLAN, CHOCOTACO. COS, WILL, ZAI

1:00 AM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

A sleepover with your favorite royal family from hell! Lilith is back from heaven, Charlies hotel is working great and lucifer is just there! Join them in family activites such as drawing portrait, Q&A and Truth or dare, Then get ready to conk out!



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questions.

COSPLAY CONTEST ORIENTATION

9:00 AM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom) This panel is mandatory for those who are participating in Saturday's cosplay contest event. Please come on time to the orientation to learn about our dos and don'ts, talk with tech about audio, speak with the emcee, and take a turn to rehearse on the stage. We will also discuss craftsmanship

judging and you will get a chance to ask any last-minute

IDOLS OF ANIME WITH VIGA 10:00 AM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

In the last decade, idols became a huge part of Japanese music and then anime. The trend actually goes back even further! Come learn about some good idol shows!

GHOST IN THE SHELL: BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE ORIGINAL MOVIE'S ENGLISH DUB WITH LES AND MARY CLAYPOOL

10:00 AM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Join Les and Mary Claypool for a rare retrospective detailing their personal involvement with the English version of this groundbreaking feature film. Mary was the English ADR Scriptwriter, and Les owned the recording facility, Magnitude 8 Post, where casting and dubbing were performed.

SO YOU WANNA GO TO JAPAN WITH DDRFR33K

10:00 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Do you want to go to Japan? Come listen to ddrfr33k talk about how to get there, what to expect, and where you should (and shouldn't) go! Time allowing, we will have a Q&A session at the end for answering questions people may have.

GETTING INTO GUNPLA (GUNDAM PLASTIC MODELS) WITH KAMEN RANGER

10:00 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Gunpla is a crafting hobby centered on building plastic models of iconic mobile suits from the whole Gundam franchise! Learn the basics, tools, tips, and tricks to start building, posing, and displaying Gunpla!

SWAP MEET

Saturday: 10am - 2pm (Europa)

Bring your stuff and swap it for different stuff! No sales allowed - trades only.

NINJA OLYMPICS WITH SAMURAI DAN AND JILLIAN

11:00 AM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Come join a Ninja team and compete in high-spirited and fun games for honor and prizes.

3D PRINTING FOR COSPLAY WITH DEADLEGATO

11:00 AM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

A guide to FDM printing for cosplay and making your own anime swag.

ANIME CHARACTERS: SMASH OR PASS? (18+) WITH ATLAN, ZAI

11:30 AM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Typical smash or pass, But some anime character may look very different from others...

MAKE DIY TOYS FOR SHELTER ANIMALS!! WITH KP.THE.NERDY 11:30 AM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Stop by and make a couple toys for a shelter animal! Chill out by hanging with friends and making DIY dog/cat toys! Toys made and donated will be given to Dane County Humane Society.

MEET & GREET / Q&A (18+) WITH MIDNIGHT MINXES

12:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Who are the Midnight Minxes? What is nerdlesque? How do I get involved? Do you have these questions and more? Come get up close and personal with the Minxes. Let us answer all your burning questions! We are very excited to share with y'all more about us & anything nerdlesque.

HOW TO COS-PLAN LIKE AN ENGINEER WITH BEEHIVIAN

12:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Want to plan a cosplay but not sure where to start? Learn some project planning tips and tricks from the engineering world, and help plan a cosplay to go with Anime Fusion's theme: This Is Halloween!

VOICE ACTING CHALLENGE WITH GARETH WEST

12:30 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Come up and try your hand at some fun voice acting exercises with anime voice actor Gareth West.

CRAZIEST JAPANESE COMMERCIALS

12:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

What happens when you have pasta aliens, Tommy Lee Jones, and an McIsekai? You get a weird trip of commercials from Japan!

PIPPIN PANIC POWER HOUR 1:00 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Drag king and cosplayer Pippin Panic is a classically trained entertainer. Considered one of the top 5 drag kings Minnesota has to offer, he's also been a tiktok influencer, a scare actor, a party princess and the Anime Fusion masquerade MC. If you find that bewildering and confusing, come ask him a question! He'll probably answer it. We hope.

ALL ABOUT ITA BAGS WITH LEE 1:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

All about Ita bags is an informative meet up for sourcing bags, materials, and sharing tips and tricks. All bag enthusiasts welcome!

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WIG STYLING AND DESIGNING WITH CREATIVECL CARE WIGS 1:00 PM, Casplay Corner (Plymouth)

Have you ever been walking through a Con, saw a cosplay wig and went "how did they do that"?! Well join me during this panel where III show you basic and advance styling/ designing.

NEOPETS IN 2024 WITH MOTHMANSVANS

1:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Let's play and discuss the virtual pet simulator http://www. neopets.com together!

JEDI LIGHTSABER CLASS WITH SAMURAI DAN AND JILLIAN 2:00 PM. Main Stage (Scandingvign Ballroom)

Fight like a jedi, using real moves and tactics based on how a lightsaber would move! Taught by a professional swordsman that is also a fan.

MAMMON'S MAGNIFICENT MUSICAL MID-CONVENTION PANEL (18+) WITH LORI FISCHER

2:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Hazbin Hotel and Helluva Boss Sing-A-Long. Come vote for your favorite songs and SING!

IT'S A CINCH CORSETS: 101 WITH HARDLYASMALLFRY

2:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

The absolute basics about corsets, covering styles and materials used to make them.

HAUS OF HADES Q&A 2:30 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Welcome, Traveler! HoH is a found family drag troupe that performs across the greater Midwest made up of 7 people, all of them autistic, disabled, and trans. Have a question about cosplay makeup, mobility aids, accessibility or performance styles? These things are hard to find out on your own, so we understand. Consider the gates open for a limited time in this silly discussion panel for all things drag underworld.

CONTROLLER TEAR DOWN WITH FREE GEEK TWIN CITIES

2:30 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Family-friendly controller tear down with the purpose of teaching kids what goes on inside their tech, as well as how to ethically recycle the components inside.

VIVID IDOLS!/VIVID BAD SQUAD PERFORMANCE! WITH MJ, ALEX, ASH, HERO

3:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2) Vivid Bad Squad performance!

COSPLAY DESIGN STUDIO WITH DEWFEATHERS

3:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Join us in the Cosplay Design Studio to learn the basics

of designing your own cosplay ideas, so you can cosplay outside of the "cannon box." From Original Characters to Gijinkas to Original ideas for your favorite characters, this workshop will cover how to get started with putting your ideas on paper! Bring your thinking caps as well as ideas about your character, your favorite clothing style, and let's get to designing! (Paper templates, and drawing utensils will be provided)

HARISEN DAIKO

3:30 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Since 2013, Harisen Daiko has shared the power and energy of taiko with the Greater Twin Cities Metro Area of Minnesota. Whether you are new to taiko or a seasoned fan, Harisen Daiko provides an unforgettable experience of Japanese kumidaiko with a Midwest flair.

AKIRA & ARMITAGE: BEHIND THE SCENES OF TWO MEMORABLE DUBS WITH LES CLAYPOOL

3:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Join Les Claypool for a "memorable" behind the scenes panel that explores two completely different dubbing experiences. For Les, Akira was an amazing experience of working on one of the most legendary movies in anime history, while Armitage was simply the craziest dub of his entire career.

ANIME ANTHROPROMORPHICS WITH VIGA

4:00 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Anime has a lot to offer to the world of furry content. Come see its history, get recommendations for shows, and see some kawaii animated fluffiness.

TACTICOOL COSPLAY 101 WITH MAX OCATO, TOWN GUARD

4:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Like Call of Duty, SCP MTF and Rainbow Six Siege? Want to get into a plate carrier and cosplay from there but don't know where to start? Swing on by where we will go over terms, shops and most importantly safety.

DISABILITY AND CHRONIC ILLNESS MEETUP WITH SOLEIL 4:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Are you chronically ill or disabled? Come meet up and hang out for this relaxed panel- very little structure besides a short discussion and introduction at the beginning!

SUMERU CREW HANGOUT WITH MOKANE, HOSEI REED, CRICKET

5:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Welcoming all Genshin fans (and others) to join Tighnari, Collei, and Alhaitham for our Sumeru Crew Hangout! Enjoy Genshin/Sumeru Trivia, Q&A, and more to win fabulous prizes!

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Yakuza and anime such as Akagi. This is a casual learning experience and formal instruction will be provided for all beginners. Space is limited, please use the sign up sheets at the door for a time slot!

COSPLAY CONTEST

6:00 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

See the best costumes at Anime Fusion on the main stage in our cosplay contest!

FRANTIC FANFIC FREE-FOR-ALL! WITH MARIE, OZ

6:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Come play Frantic Fanfic, the collaborative fanfiction speedrunning game! Whether you have the most kudosed fic on AO3 or haven't written anything besides school papers, we hope you will join us! All fandoms welcome!

LIVE LET'S PLAY WITH GARETH WEST 6:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Come play Nonorelia, an interactive dialogue visual novel, as we take votes on what choices to make. Along with commentary from the voice of the player character, Gareth West.

D4DJ - A VERY WILD MULTIMEDIA PROJECT WITH SHAWN 7:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Are you interested in rhythm games? Are you into anime music? Would you like to witness some very wild and goofy moments ever to be put on a screen? Then come to the D4DJ panel! Hopefully by the end, you too will end up becoming a Digler!

POKÉ-BIOLOGY! WITH DEWFEATHERS 8:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Learn about the many real world animals that have inspired the design and move sets of Pokémon! From Pikas to Sea Cucumbers, there are many references to real animals from around the world to be found in this franchise.

SPONSORS/GUESTS MEET & GREET

8:30 PM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Sponsor members can chat with our guests of honor during this reserved hour.

BARBIE SIMP FIGHT BRACKET (18+) WITH SOLEIL

9:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Love classic Barbie content? Find yourself simping for Erica? Come vote on who's the hottest Barbie character with our panel hosted by Preminger (Soleil of cinnamonyostylist cosplay).

HAPPILY EVA AFTER WITH DEADLEGATO 9:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

How to work with EVA foam to make cosplay and props.

FUSION FANTASY CABARET (18+) WITH MIDNIGHT MINXES

9:15 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Welcome to the Midnight Minxes nerdlesque show, where you'll experience new sights of tantalizing escapades that will unravel before you on stage with our talented performers of cosplay burlesque. Witness your favorite characters come to life with a sultry twist and we'll be certain to leave a lingering impression in your thoughts you won't soon forget, long after the curtains have dropped.

DELICIOUS IN DUNGEON: FOOD RANKINGS! WITH FIZZYDANCHU 9:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Join the cast of Delicious in Dungeon to rank the best and worst (if there are any) dishes that have appeared in the show! Audience participation highly encouraged!

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IT'S A CINCH CORSETS: 201 WITH HARDLYASMALLERY

10:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

A more in depth look at corset styles and shapes, construction methods and techniques, as well as pattern alteration/fitting.

IT'S NOT A PHASE, MOM!! BEING AN ALT ADULT WITH ZEE, HARLOW <3 10:30 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

You might grow out of Hot Topic, but you don't have to grow out of your interests! Join us as we talk about being in the alternative community after high school!

DANCE

11:00 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

CARDS AGAINST SAMURAI DAN (18+) 11:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

The epically wrong adult card game, brought to new heights (lows?) by Samurai Dan, where teams compete for the win!

CAN WE SHIP IT? (+18) WITH PIPPIN PANIC, CERBERUS THE HOUND, OMNI PAIN

11:30 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

BACK FOR ANOTHER ROUND, it's the great debate of our time – Is this... Is this allowed??? Watch as we pull two people from the audience and have them go head-to-head in the biggest battle the anime world has going on right now – are these two randomly generated character from completely different franchises SHIPPABLE??

SPOOKY CAMPFIRE STORIES WITH DEREK H.

12:00 AM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Prepare to shiver and shudder as chills skitter up your spine! Share a harrowing tale of terror! We'll be passing around the flashlight and seeing who has best creepy story for the Halloween season!

VAGGIE'S TRUST EXERCISE BOOTCAMP (18+) WITH CHOCOTACO_COS, ATLAN, RENINTHEWOODS, EI_COSPLAY, ITZLIYAH_COSPLAYS

1:00 AM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Alright Hazbins! Extermination Day is on the horizon, and it is time to get whipped into shape through trust exercises. Get ready for this!

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THE SABER LEGION MINNESOTA

10:00 AM. Main Stage (Scandingvian Ballroom) Join the MN Charter of the Saber Legion as they puton a demonstration of live full-contact saber combat! The exhibition will feature a full demonstration of how competitions are run followed by a Q & A.

NIHONGO CHATTO WITH REBEKAH & NICK

10:00 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Whether you've been speaking Japanese for 20 years or 2 minutes, come by for an informal chat with fellow language enthusiasts! This is a safe place to brush up on your conversational Japanese with others. All experience levels welcome!

FROM CONCEPT TO CREATION: ORIGINAL DESIGN IN COSPLAY WITH HARDLYASMALLFRY

10:00 AM. Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

From cursed mashups to ornate genderbent designs come explore the world of original design in cosplay. Duo team Hardlyasmallfry will go through the ins and outs of bringing whatever you can dream of from thought to fabric!

OVER THE GARDEN WALL OSA WITH STARREDFISHING, TEASHOPO, BLUERATGRMLN, Z

10:30 AM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Come into the unknown with us as Wirt, Greg, and Beatrice answer any questions you have about their adventures! Don't, uh, don't worry about that shadowy figure in the corner with the horns.

AFRO X LIVE AT ANIME FUSION!!!! WITH AFRO X, TOBI THEE BARD 10:30 AM. Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

A panel to introduce people to my Anime YouTube Channel and show some of my videos.

LOVE LIVE RANDOM DANCE!! WITH COCO (@COCONUTCHEMIST)

11:00 AM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Show off your vast knowledge of Love Live dances by performing to a random selection of µ's, Aqours, Nijigasaki, and Liella songs!!

SCREEN PRINTING WITH VICEMAGE 11:00 AM. Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Are you dreading applique? Unhappy with how paint looks? Do you just want another option? A trained printmaker will teach you how to add screen printing to your bag of cosplay tricks!

ADVENTURES IN LIVE ACTION WITH LES AND MARY CLAYPOOL

11:30 AM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Behind-the-scenes stories from film productions are often as, if not more entertaining than the films themselves. Join Les and Mary Claypool for a "live action" packed panel spanning decades of their personal stories from the numerous film projects that they have both worked on.

SOME JAPANESE TIPS ON LIFE AND LIVING WITH KAMEN RANGER 11:30 AM, Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Japanese culture has contributed much in philosophy and spirituality when it comes to happy and healthy living. Come learn a few concepts their culture can teach us to live just a bit better in both the moment and future!

THE GREAT TUMBLR SEXYMAN DEBATE WITH CHOCOTACO COS, ATLAN

12:00 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

To be or not to be? That is the question. The other question? Which Tumblr Sexyman is the sexiest? That is the question we shall settle today.

I NEED A HUG WITH SAMURAI DAN AND JILLIAN

12:00 PM. Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Life is tough, and full of trying times. Sometimes it helps to have someone to share the trials with. This panel is a chance for guests, attendees, and staff to share stories, healing, and possibly ... a hug.

MAKING MASCOTS FOR COSPLAY WITH SARA SPOOKYSTITCH

12:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Interested in large cosplay builds but armor isn't your thing? In this panel we'll discuss large soft creature and mascot builds. Learn about different types of foam, fur, fleece, and the techniques to use them to make things like giant Pokémon, animal heads, creature bodies, muscle suits, and much more!

BALL-JOINTED DOLL BASICS WITH VICEMAGE

1:00 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Curious about the ball-jointed doll hobby? Want to learn more and see some dolls in person? Intrigued by how it's becoming more and more accessible? Want to win some cool prizes? This is the panel for you!

MAKE IT EXTRA: HOW TO MAKE ANY COSPLAY YOUR OWN WITH LARIRE COSPLAY

1:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

LaRire Cosplay will talk about and showcase some fun examples on taking artistic liberties and adding embellishments to make any cosplay your own creation!

HOMESTUCK CHANGED MY LIFE: HOW FANDOM MAKES US BETTER WITH RADIANT STARLIGHT

1:30 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Radiant Starlight Cosplay has been cosplaying for over 11 years. It all started with Homestuck. Well, it also started with marching band, tumblr, and of course GaiaOnline. Join Star for her journey, and at the end tell us about yours!

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PORTRAY YOURSELF WITH NIGHTCORD

2:00 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Come join Nightcord @ 25:00 for a show full of your favorite songs! Featuring songs like Infinitely Gray, Bug, and IDSMILE.

ANIME GUESS WHO WITH CHOCOTACO_COS, ANMOCHI.COS

2:00 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Come join fellow fans for a few invigorating game of Anime Guess Who! Now with subjective questions!

GREAT COSPLAY HACKS WITH ELENTARI COSPLAY

2:00 PM, Cosplay Corner (Plymouth)

Let's talk materials and tools for awesome cosplay hacks. What's the best glue? How to sculpt this? What worked and what didn't? I'll share everything I know!

MEET DEI&B TEAM PLUS OPEN FLOOR WITH ROSIE, JASMINE, NATE 2:30 PM. Panel 4 (Board Room 1)

Come get to know the members of Quad Cities Anime (the

learn what we do, and share your ideas for making Anime Fusion more inclusive for all.

Q&A FUN TIMES WITH GARETH WEST 3:00 PM, Panel 1 (Oslo)

Come ask any questions you want, and have a blast along with actor Gareth West.

REAL SWORD OR PIECE OF CRAP WITH SAMURAI DAN AND JILLIAN

3:00 PM, Panel 3 (Board Room 2)

Is that shiny sword REALLY capable of seeing you through the apocalypse, or does it belong hanging on a wall? Come learn easy "tells" to distinguish the difference.

COCO'S RANDOM DANCE! WITH COCO 3:30 PM, Panel 2 (Conference Room D)

Come dance to your favorite songs!!! Many different groups and game soundtracks such as Love Live, PJSk, Enstars, and so much more!!!!

CLOSING CEREMONIES

4:30 PM, Main Stage (Scandinavian Ballroom)

Even the best of things must come to an end. Join us as we bid farewell to another year at Anime Fusion.



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FRIDAY

MAGIC KNIGHT RAYEARTH

10:00 AM, Video 1 (English Dub)

While on a field trip to Tokyo Tower three girls, Hikaru, Umi, and Fuu, get teleported to Cephiro to become Magic Knights and save Princess Emeraude.

KUBO WON'T LET ME BE INVISIBLE

10:30 AM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

High schooler Junta Shirashi is such an ordinary and quiet character that his classmates and teachers don't even notice him. That is, until a female classmate takes interest in him and dares him to do things to stand out.

FATE/STAY NIGHT

11:45 AM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

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I'VE SOMEHOW GOTTEN STRONGER WHEN I IMPROVED MY FARM-RELATED SKILLS

12:15 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Al Wayne achieves his ultimate goal, becoming the greatest farmer of all time. His triumph is short-lived as his life is turned upside-down by a demon invasion.

ROSE OF VERSAILLES

1:30 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Raised from birth as a man, the Lady Oscar commands the palace guards at Versailles in the years before the French Revolution. She is torn between her duty to class and country and her own heart and desires.

SCHOOL-LIVE!

2:00 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

Follow the School Living Club, a group of friends who live at their school, and their daily adventures as they explore the new zombie-infested world they live in.

KIMI NI TODOKE

3:15 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Sawako Kuronuma just wants to make friends, but since she looks like the woman from the Ring movie this isn't as easy as one would think.

ENDO AND KOBAYASHI LIVE! THE LATEST ON TSUNDERE VILLAINESS LIESELOTTE 3:45 PM. Video 2 (English Dub)

Endo and Kobayashi are obsessed with an otome game. They argue about the villainess character, Lieselotte, not knowing her in-game fiancé can hear their words! The game begins to change as the characters change their behavior based on the players' commentary.

SHAMAN KING

5:00 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

This shows follows the adventures of a 13 year old shaman and his teammate, who travel the world fighting evil spirits on his journey to become the next Shaman King!

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5:30 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Gorou is murdered by a fan of a famous pop idol, and gets reincarnated as the pop idol's son!

URUSEI YATSURA (1981)

6:45 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

The original classic. Ataru Moroboshi is chosen to defend the Earth from an alien invasion by winning a game of tag against the alien princess, Lum. He wins, but his celebration is misinterpreted as a proposal of marriage!

MADE IN ABYSS: GOLDEN CITY OF THE SCORCHING SUN

7:15 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

A giant pit is the only unexplored place in the world, filled with strange creatures and artifacts. However, once you go down, coming back up can be deadly.

VAMPIRE HUNTER D: BLOODLUST (18+) 8:30 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

A young noblewoman named Charlotte is abducted by a vampire named Meier Link. D, the vampire hunter, is hired to retrieve her, battling monsters and demons - but the situation is not what it seems.

URUSEI YATSURA (2022)

9:00 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

The 2022 remake! Ataru Moroboshi is chosen to defend the Earth from an alien invasion by winning a game of tag against the alien princess, Lum. He wins, but his celebration is misinterpreted as a proposal of marriage!

DEVILMAN

10:15 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Akira merges with the demon Amon in an attempt to use the devil invaders' powers against them. He becomes Devilman, and battles various enemies while learning more about the nature of demons.

HIGH SCHOOL OF THE DEAD (18+) 10:45 PM. Video 2 (English Dub)

An infection breaks out, turning people into zombies. The story revolves around high schooler Takashi Kumuro, his friends, and the school nurse.

LUNAR LEGEND TSUKIHIME (18+) 12:00 AM. Video 1 (Subtitled)

After sustaining a life threatening injury, Shiki Tohno starts seeing lines on objects. After decapitating a woman who is apparently alive and well, he begins his journey to unravel his past.

THE EMINENCE IN SHADOW 12:30 AM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Reborn into another world as Cid Kagenou, the protagonist tries to become a secret mastermind working behind the scenes. Little does he know, the scheming cult he invents is real!

SATURDAY

CARDCAPTOR SAKURA

10:00 AM. Video 1 (Subtitled)

Sakura Kinomoto was an ordinary 4th grader until she opened a strange book, releasing magical cards into the world. To her dismay, it is now up to her and the quardian beast of the book to protect the world from the catastrophe that would befall it.

YUKI YUNA IS A HERO

10:30 AM, Video 2 (English Dub) Yuki and the "Hero Club" aim to do their best for the community which they live in.

DIGIMON ADVENTURE

11:45 AM. Video 1 (Enalish Dub)

While getting ready for summer camp this group gets transported to the Digital World, where they meet their partner Digimon and must save the digital world from disaster.

REINCARNATED AS A SWORD 12:15 PM. Video 2 (Enalish Dub)

After dying in an accident, the protagonist finds himself reincarnated in another world - as a telekinetic sword! The catgirl he saves becomes his wielder, and together they begin their adventures.

PRINCESS TUTU

1:30 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

A lovesick duck is transformed into a magical girl to help her storybook prince recover the lost pieces of his heart.

DAILY LIVES OF HIGH SCHOOL BOYS 2:00 PM. Video 2 (Subtitled)

In all-boys high school Sanaccessibility North High, follow the lives of three close friends living out their daily lives through love, drama, giant robots, and much more.

GURREN LAGANN 3:15 PM. VIdeo 1 (Subtitled)

In their closed-off underground village, Kamina and Simon chafe at the limits imposed by the village elder. All this changes when Simon stumbles across a fantastic device just as the village's peace is broken by a violent intrusion.

MY NEXT LIFE AS A VILLAINESS

3:45 PM. Video 2 (English Dub)

After bumping her head one day Catarina Claes remembers her previous life, and realizes she has reincarnated into one of her favorite otome games...as the villainess! Now it's her mission to avoid all of her bad endinas!

KYO KARA MAOH!

5:00 PM. Video 1 (Enalish Dub)

Yuri was living a normal life until he was dunked in a toilet and sent to another world, where he must save the demons from the evil humans!

AOHARU X MACHINEGUN 5:30 PM, VIDEO 2 (ENGLISH DUB)

Hotaru is a girl, disguising herself as a boy, who gets drawn into the world of survival games by a member of a host club.

STREET FIGHTER II

6:45 PM. Video 1 (Subtitled)

Ruthless leader of the international terrorist organization Shadowlaw, Bison, seeks out Ryu, a skilled martial artist. Based on the hit video game!

YUSIBU: I COULDN'T BECOME A HERO. SO I RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO GET A JOB

7:15 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

After the demon king was defeated, Raul, who could no longer become a hero, reluctantly begins working at a small retail store. He lives a dull life until the daughter of the demon king comes to apply for a part time job!

UZUMAKI (18+) 8:30 PM. Video 1 (Subtitled)

A 2000 Japanese supernatural horror film. It follows the inhabitants of a small town plaqued by a mysterious curse involving spirals.

VINLAND SAGA

9:00 PM. Video 2 (Enalish Dub)

Thorfinn embarks on a journey with the man responsible for a tragedy, to take his life in a duel as a true and honorable warrior.

GHOST STORIES

10:00 PM, Video 1 (English Dub)

A young girl finds a book of spells that belongs to her dead mother. She uses the book to fight demons and ghosts that are haunting her school - all with the aid of a devil cat

PARASYTE -THE MAXIM- (18+)

10:45 PM. Video 2 (Enalish Dub)

Shinichi is a regular high school boy whose hand has become infected with an alien parasite. They form a grudging friendship, and as stories of parasites killing humans rise, they are caught between two sides in a battle for control of the planet.

PET SHOP OF HORRORS (18+) 11:45 PM, Video 1 (Subtitled)

Count D, an unusual pet shop owner in Chinatown, sells rare pets to people longing for something special. If anyone breaks the rules of their contract, the pet shop cannot be held responsible for anything...unfortunate that might happen.

GENSHIKEN SECOND GENERATION

12:30 AM. Video 2 (Subtitled)

Members of a college anime club must adjust to their new circumstances - from becoming the next Club President, to fitting into new surroundings.

VIDEO ROOMS

SUNDAY

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IS THE ORDER A RABBIT?

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While looking for a boarding house for the upcoming school year, Cocoa stumbles upon a cafe that just happens to be a boarding house, and begins working there.

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GROUND CONTROL TO PSYCHOELECTRIC GIRL 12:15 PM, Video 2 (Subtitled)

Self-proclaimed alien Erio Touwa has been missing for half a year and was found floating in the sea. With no memories of what happened, she believes it was aliens.

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MY LOVE STORY!!

2:00 PM, Video 2 (English Dub)

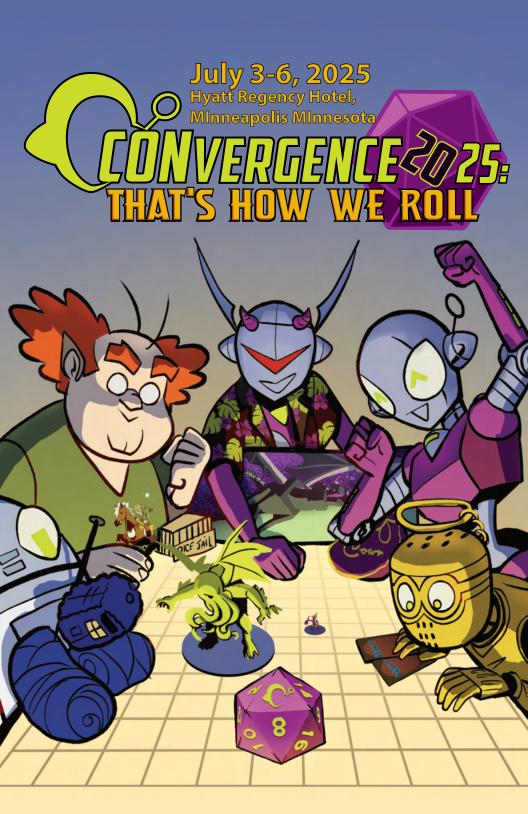
Takeo Goda, a tall and muscular student, has no luck with love as all the girls fall for his best friend. This all changes when he encounters a shy young girl who falls for him.













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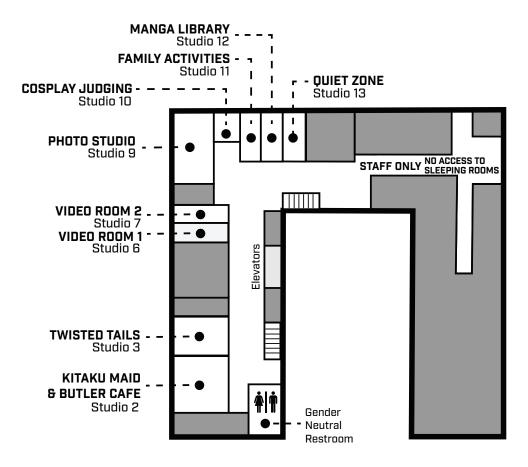
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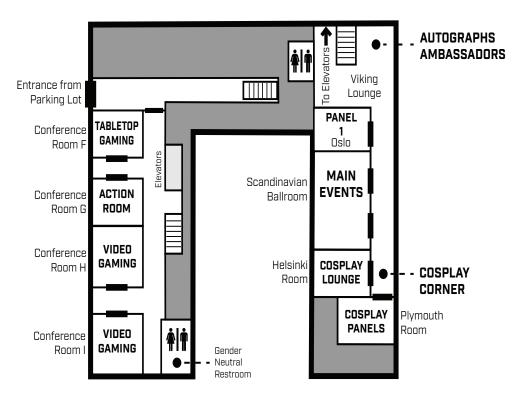


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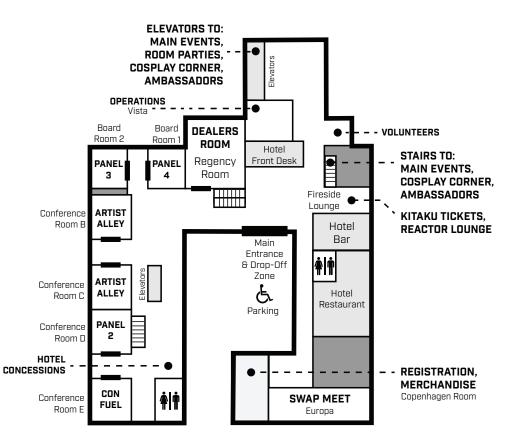


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