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General Info

Cosplay Guidelines

Cosplay or "costume play" is welcome at FanCon! We ask that attendees follow these guidelines:

- No realistic weapons. Prop weapons should be made of plastic or foam. No real weapons are allowed at FanCon (e.g. swords).
- **Cosplay is not consent.** If you would like to take a picture with or of a presenter or FanCon attendee, always ask first and respect that person's right to say no. Please report any issues to the Command Center on the first floor.

Tips for the Day

Whether this is your first or 100th convention, here are some tips to help you navigate FanCon:

- 1. Plan ahead. Take a look at the schedule and plan out your day in advance. There's so much to do! Check the Onsite Registration and Limited Sessions information and plan to get to these sessions early.
- 2. **Parking.** Due to the POW! Pavilion, parking in the library parking lot will be limited during FanCon. Please park across Vail Ave. in Commuter Lot S free of charge. This is reserved for library customers for the duration of FanCon.
- 3. Check in at the Command Center. Make the Command Center your first stop at FanCon. It will be up and running at 11:30 a.m. for you to pick up your badge and to ask questions.
- 4. **Be prepared to chat.** Don't be shy! Talk to artists in the Hendrickson Room about their craft, ask presenters questions at their sessions and speak with cosplayers about their costumes.
- 5. **#ahmlfancon is the best way to share your FanCon experience.** What did you see? Who did you hear from? What did you learn? The world wants to know!

Questions? Ask a staff member in a red FanCon T-shirt if you have questions. You can also always report to the Command Center on the first floor.

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* **POW! Pavilion Sessions:** Exit through the Dunton exit and follow the signs to these sessions.

ONSITE SIGNUP: See page 2 for information. LIMITED SESSIONS: See page 6 for information.

Features

FanCon Command Center Opens at 11:30 a.m.

Make this your first stop of the day! Pick up a program guide with event information and the full schedule, along with an official FanCon lanyard and badge. If you have questions, stop by any time throughout the event and our staff members will be happy to answer.

Artists' Alley

Head upstairs to the Hendrickson Room, and check out local artists and exhibitors. Browse and admire exciting artwork and comics, and get to know the artists themselves. Artwork and more will be available for purchase. More information about these exhibitors on pages 11–12.

Food Trucks

Step outside the Dunton Entrance for a tasty treat from My Cocina Grill and Hello Boba.

FanCon Photo Op

Stop by the Second Floor for a photo in front of the official FanCon backdrop.

POW! Pavilion

New this year, the POW! Pavilion is located on the east side of the library parking lot. Please use the Dunton exit and follow the signs to access this new outdoor area.

Onsite Signups

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator Signups open at noon for all sessions. One session per person.

Dungeons & Dragons Sessions

Signups open at noon for all sessions.

Pirate Sword Training

Signups open at noon for all sessions. One session per person. All sessions are the same.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Signups start at noon and end at 1:45 p.m.

Hendrickson Room South

First Floor

Dunton Entrance

Second Floor

Library Parking Lot

Training Lab

Command Center

Command Center

Cardinal Room

All-Day Activities

Wednesday Addams Scavenger Hunt

All Ages Designed for teens and adults or families who want to play together. More details and game information on the back of this booklet.

Fandom Perler Beads

Tweens, Teens and Adults

Create all kinds of fandom-inspired designs using perler beads.

Draw Your Own Fantasy Map

All Ages

Every good adventure needs a map to get started! Whether your world is full of pirates and buried treasure, or castles and fairies, bring it to life with your own fantasy map.

Make a Mermaid Tail

All Ages In an ocean full of fish, be a mermaid! Make a splash and shell-abrate good times by designing a colorful mermaid tail.

Mario Fire Flower DIY

All Ages

Mamma Mia! It's flower power time, so let's power-up! Make a paper plate Fire Flower and Star.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Puppets All Ages

Cowabunga, dudes! Calling all pizza-loving Ninja Turtles. Stop by and create your very own lean, green, paper bag puppet.

Video Gaming

All Ages

Show off your gaming skills or try a new game. We will have a variety of popular games on large screens for head-to-head competition. You can also compete against other FanCon attendees in the *Pac-Man* High Score Challenge (see page 7) or the *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* Tournament (see page 9).

Throughout the Library

Hub

Kids' World

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Kids' World

Cardinal Room

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SESSIONS

Onsite Signups: Some sessions have onsite signups. See page 3 for signup locations.

Limited Sessions: These sessions have a limited capacity. Lines open 15 minutes before each session starts outside the Lindsey Room. Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended to arrive early.

12 p.m.

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator – Session 1 ONSITE SIGNUP Ages 7 and up

A live-action, excitement-driven gaming session. Assume the role of one of the crew as you work together with your teammates to operate your ship and defend the sector from evil aliens. Sign-up info on page 2.

Enchanted Forest Picnic – Session 1 LIMITED SESSION

Kids and Tweens

Cookies, lemonade, oh my! Come join Alice from Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty and other familiar faces for a magical picnic in our enchanted forest. Priority will be given to kids and tweens (ages 13 and under). Caregivers welcome to stand and observe.

Zelda Notebook Craft

Tweens. Teens and Adults

Become the Hero of Hyrule! Craft a sleek notebook, inspired by *The Legend of Zelda*.

12:15 p.m.

Cirque Acrobat Extravaganza – Session 1 All Ages

Are you wowed by the circus? Have you ever wanted to try more than balance beams and somersaults? Come see CircusExperience's acrobat performance—and don't forget to stay after to learn some techniques! These experts love building community relationships and offer classes for all ages.

Pirate Sword Training – Session 1 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 6 and up

Calling all pirates and swashbucklers! Practice your sword skills and fancy footwork under the leadership of Captain Andrew Trygstad. Duel well or you may be forced to walk the plank. Meet at the Command Center 10 minutes before your session and a staff member will walk participants to the POW! Pavilion. One session per participant. Sign-up info on page 2.

12:15 p.m.

Role-Playing and Improv Comedy Show All Ages

Join our Tavern Keeper, as they invite a volunteer from the audience (maybe you!) to help us create your very own role-playing adventure. With the help of our Game Master, they will create a story just for you, down to where it takes place, what genre of story it will be, and which Adventurer will be your character in that story! Both sessions will be different.

12:25 p.m.

Enchanted Forest Picnic – Session 2 LIMITED SESSION Kids and Tweens

Lindsey Room See full description on page 6. Priority will be given to kids and tweens (ages 13 and under). Caregivers welcome to stand and observe.

Training Center

Lindsey Room

Hub

POW! Pavilion

Meet at Command Center

Hendrickson Room North

12:30 p.m.

Pac-Man High Score Challenge

All Ages

Test your ghost-evading skills with our *Pac-Man* high score challenge! Old-school arcade experience not necessary - participants will be playing on the Nintendo Switch! Prizes will be given, skills will be flexed and fruits will be eaten.

12:45 p.m.

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator – Session 2 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 7 and up

See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign-up info on page 2.

1:15 p.m.

Fandom Felt Pennants

Tweens, Teens and Adults

Would you join the Rebel Alliance? Do you know where all the Korok seeds hide in a Zelda map? No matter what you love, let your fandom pride fly with your own DIY pennant.

Create a Dungeons & Dragons Character LIMITED SESSION

All Ages

Learn how to create a character sheet for Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition or create an illustration of your character. Players of all experience levels welcome.

1:30 p.m.

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator – Session 3 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 7 and up

See description on page 6. One session per participant. Sign up at the Training Center.

Pirate Sword Training – Session 2 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 6 and up

Meet at the Command Center 10 minutes before your session. A staff member will walk participants to the POW! Pavilion. See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign-up info on page 2.

Heroes vs. Villains Trivia

All Ages

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Batman? Test your DC and Marvel super knowledge in our heroes vs. villains trivia for a chance to win some prizes. Please bring a phone or tablet to play.

Cirque Acrobat Extravaganza – Session 2 All Ages

See description on page 5. POW! Pavilion info on page 2.

2:15 p.m.

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator – Session 4 ONSITE SIGNUP Ages 7 and up

See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign up at the Training Center.

Training Center

Cardinal Room

Hub

Lindsey Room

Training Center

Meet at Command Center

Hendrickson Room North

POW! Pavilion

Training Center

2:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons Beginner Session ONSITE SIGNUP Ages 7 and up

Want to learn how to play D&D? Join a short two-hour adventure and learn the basics of how to play. No experience needed! Meet at the Command Center 10 minutes before your session.

Dungeons & Dragons Experienced Session ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 10 and up

Along the dusty trail lies the pride of the wastes, Redford, a once-booming prospecting town. Now, the residents are menaced by outlaws circling the town like vultures. What brave (or foolhardy) adventurers dare stand up to Hoppin' Hal and his sinister posse? This advanced Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition adventure is for level 5 characters. Meet at the Command Center 10 minutes before your session.

2:30 p.m.

Mini Book Keychains

Tweens, Teens and Adults

Have you spent hours exploring Middle-earth, waiting for the latest volume of Jujutsu Kaisen or pouring over the D&D Player's Handbook? Represent your favorite bookish fandom every day with a custom-made keychain.

Role-Playing and Improv Comedy Show

All Ages

See description on page 7. Both sessions are different.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament ONSITE SIGNUP

Tweens, Teens and Adults

Choose your favorite character and see if you've got what it takes to reign supreme in our Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament! Can you win the first place prize? Sign up in the Cardinal Room starting at noon.

2:45 p.m.

Boom! Pow! Smash! Drawing Workshop- Session 1 LIMITED SESSION

Ages 6-12

Future cartoonists - UNITE! Learn to draw honorable heroes and vile villains with professional cartoonist Mark Anderson. Mark shares the basics of character design and storytelling – perfect for imaginative kids who love art! One session per participant.

Kazar, The Timewave Wizard's Magic Show

All Ages

Be enchanted by illusions and magic from Kazar, The Timewave Wizard! Everyone will be amazed, delighted, fascinated and most of all entertained by the magic of Kazar. There is plenty of audience participation to add to the fun for all!

Pirate Sword Training – Session 3 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 6 and up

Meet at the Command Center 10 minutes before your session. A staff member will walk participants to the POW! Pavilion. See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign-up info on page 2.

3:30 p.m.

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator – Session 5 ONSITE SIGNUP Ages 7 and up

See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign up at the Training Center.

Meet at Command Center

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Cardinal Room

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POW! Pavilion

Meet at Command Center

Training Center

3:45 p.m.

DIY Dungeons & Dragons Mini Figs

Tweens, Teens and Adults

Unleash your creativity and bring a D&D character or creature to life with a Shrinky Dinks game piece craft. Color it now, shrink it at home!

4 p.m.

Boom! Pow! Smash! Drawing Workshop – Session 2 LIMITED SESSION

Ages 6-12

See description on page 7. Both sessions are the same. One session per participant.

Pirate Sword Training – Session 4 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 6 and up

Meet at the Command Center 10 minutes before your session. A staff member will walk participants to the POW! Pavilion. See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign-up info on page 2.

Video Game Rock Show

All Ages

Rock out to music from your favorite video games! Arc Impulse is a video game cover band, rearranging old songs into hot new synth rock tracks. Come listen to arrangements from their favorite games, from the 8-bit era to today's biggest releases!

4:15 p.m.

Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator – Session 6 ONSITE SIGNUP

Ages 7 and up

See description on page 5. One session per participant. Sign up at the Training Center.

Kazar, The Timewave Wizard's Magic Show All Ages

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Meet at Command Center

Hendrickson Room North

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Artists' Alley

Be sure to drop by the Hendrickson Room on the second floor to meet these artists and exhibitors.



Celina Barajas

Celina Barajas is an animator/illustrator living in Chicago. She studied traditional animation at Columbia College Chicago and has worked on over 48 animated television commercials with Calabash Animation Studio. She joined the Comic Con scene back in 2013 and has been working on her own art and comics ever since.



Comix Revolution

Comix Revolution has proudly served the Arlington Heights community since 1996. Located in Mount Prospect, the store carries a wide selection of comics and graphic novels from DC, Marvel, Image and Dark Horse, as well as a diverse selection from independent publishers like Drawn & Quarterly, Boom, IDW and Fantagraphics.



Don Cardenas

Don Cardenas is an artist, cover artist and variant cover artist. He is the artist of the rock and roll band vs. vampires series *Evie and the Helsings*, the horror series *Spend the Night*, written by cult horror director Jackie Kong, and is the host of the *Comics-Coffee-Metal* podcast. Don's work has been seen in numerous anthologies (*Housebound, This Nightmare Kills Fascists, Off Into the Sunset*) and the graphic novel *Packs of the Lowcountry*.



George Gant

George Gant is a Chicago-based cartoonist, illustrator and colorist. He is the creator of *The Reset Button* and *On the Grind*, and is a colorist for *Hero Cats of Stellar City*. Some of his clients include Tru-Vue Inc., Michaels Arts and Crafts and Aaron Brothers.



Max Bare

Max Bare is a Chicago-based cartoonist and illustrator. He is the creator of HERO BEARDS, the self-published middle grade comic featuring super heroes with super beards. He has been published by Lion Forge (*Rolled & Told*), Scout (*By the Horns*) and Really Easy Press (*Scally-Ho!*). He also collaborates with his wife Melissa Sue Stanley. Max is the featured artist on this year's FanCon badges.



Penelopeloveprints

Penelopeloveprints is a watercolor artist based in Chicago. Her creations draw inspiration from the beauty of nature, delectable food and rich Asian cultures. In addition to freelancing, she collaborates with local restaurants to create food illustrations, murals and designs. Penelopeloveprints also showcases her works at various conventions.



Schmidt n' Giggle

Greg Schmidt is an illustrator based out of Madison, Wisconson who clearly watches too many cartoons. He is the creator of the Star Wars Darthcember Art Challenge and his self-published comic book *Heracles and the Troubles of a Teenage Demi God*. His playful and animated style shines through in a variety of pop culture inspired pieces that are enjoyed by all ages.



SquidneyDoodles

SquidneyDoodles is a Chicago-based concept artist who is passionate about creating her own characters and telling stories through her art. She loves all things fantasy and art that has striking color palettes. Her favorite things to draw are mermaids, fairies and her own characters. She has her own Instagram where she posts updates on her most recent projects and art advice and tutorials. When she is not creating art, she crochets and plays with her puppy-dog Bloo in her free time.



Steph Stanga

Steph Stanga is an artist who currently dwells in Chicago. She graduated from the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago with a BFA in Media Arts and Animation and has since been traveling the Midwest showing her work at various art shows or Comic Cons. Steph is inspired by nature, animals, Disney, animated movies and the fantasy genre overall. Her favorite subjects to draw are weird, "ugly" things that need some extra love.



SunnySide Art

SunnySide Art is a Chicago-based illustrator and graphic artist who likes to spend much of her time with felines and foods! She grew up watching anime and reading manga, which has majorly influenced her style of art. Her artwork consists of fan art from her childhood favorites, contemporary artwork incorporating her Japanese culture, and cute cat illustrations!

Special Guests



Andrew Trygstad

A longtime fan of all things Star Wars, Andrew has made it a life's passion to learn how to teach and fight with weapons safely and effectively for the stage. He recently earned his Bachelor's degree from Columbia College Chicago, where he studied stage combat extensively.

Andrew is running the Pirate Sword Training. Info on page 5.



Anthony Mele

Spending over 20 years on the stage, and even more with a video game controller in his hand, Anthony Mele is a big ol' nerd. Literally. You'll find him easily by looking up, he's 6'5".

Anthony is hosting the *Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator* sessions, starting every 45 minutes in the Training Center. Info on page 5.



Arc Impulse

Arc Impulse is a Chicago-based video game cover band, rearranging and rocking old gaming songs! Drummer Bobby Shields, guitarist Zach Wolfenbarger and keyboardist Andrew Estrada have played together at venues, festivals, fan conventions and community events across the country.

See them at the Video Game Rock Show at 4 p.m. Info on page 8.



CirquesExperience

Located in Chicago, CirquesExperience has welcomed people of all ages, from 5 to 99, to participate in various programs and activities. including Gym Wheel and Cyr Wheel, Aerial Silks Arts and Dance, Static Trapeze, Trampoline, Partner Acrobatics, Juggling, and many more since its inception in 2011.

CirquesExperience is performing two shows. Info on page 5.



Hailey Cristiano

Hailey Cristiano is a Chicago-based cosplayer, actor and soon-to-be teacher. Despite growing up in New York, Hailey came to Chicago to study acting. During this time she found her passion for cosplaying and sewing, spending much of her free time making costumes. When not working, Hailey enjoys spending time with her pup, playing video games and D&D!

Visit Hailey at noon at the Enchanted Forest Picnic. Info on page 65



Joe Tinaglia and Gina Venable

Joe The Tinman Tinaglia is a multimedia artist known for his cosplay, comic books and movie making. He studied illustration and fashion at the Art Institute of Chicago before becoming an art teacher at Northeastern Illinois University. He has spent the last 20 years publishing books and the last decade running cosplay clubs that travel the world.

Gina Venable is an artist known for her hundreds of self-made imaginative cosplays. Along with her two sons, she loves learning about new fandoms and games. She has spent the last five years performing for numerous charity organizations to spread love through her performance art.

They are hosting the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. Info on page 9.



Kazar, The Timewave Wizard

Kazar presents a fast-paced show of unique magic and comedy with effects of his own creation. Kazar has entertained thousands of audiences in the U.S. and abroad in a wide variety of venues.

Kazar, The Timewave Wizard is performing two shows. Info on page 7.



Lisa Hartman and Sophia Guerrero

Lisa Hartman and Sophia Guerrero met in 2018 around a D&D table in Chicago, both of them brand-new players. Now, with many adventures under our belts and 10 years combined experience running games, we are excited to welcome you into our world of magic and mischief. We love focusing on roleplay and character-driven storytelling while channeling the chaos and creativity our players bring. Whether you're new to tabletop games or a seasoned adventurer, you are welcome at our table!

Lisa and Sophia will be running both Dungeons & Dragons sessions. Info on page 7.



Madysen Frances

Madysen Frances is a singer/actor based in Chicago and originally from Wheaton. She has been performing for over 10 years. Madysen has worked on stage with Broadway in Chicago and on screen with NBC and Disney. She loves being able to work events, such as FanCon, to help create magic for kids and adults near the suburbs where she grew up.

Find Madysen at the Enchanted Forest Picnic. Info on page 5.



Mark Anderson

Mark Anderson is a professional cartoonist. He has been a featured speaker at the National Cartoonist Society's annual Reuben Awards. Mark even has a cartoon displayed in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. He is syndicated online by Universal.

Mark is hosting two drawing workshops. Info on page 7.



RPG-13

RPG-13 is a comedy company from Chicago that combines role playing with improvisation: where fate and funny collide! With the help of our Game Master, our Adventurers will improvise whatever story you want and/ or whatever the fate of the dice roll allows.

RPG-13 is performing two shows. Info on page 5.

Wednesday Addams Scavenger Hunt

Watched *Wednesday* and can't get enough? How much do you remember about Nevermore Academy and Jericho? Help Wednesday and her friends decode the clues scattered throughout the library and solve the puzzle before the Hyde finds them! Fill in your answers found in the different areas of the library and bring them to the Command Center for a prize. List the locations you find here:

Location 1:	
Location 2:	
Location 3:	
Location 4:	
Location 5:	
Location 6:	
Location 7:	
Location 8:	
Location 9:	
Location 10:	

To get started, here is your first clue:

This location is a cozy, warm place to read; unlike the one shaped like Medusa's face in Principal Weems' office.

Please note, this game is library-wide and designed for ages 10+. Families with younger children are encouraged to play together as a team.

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