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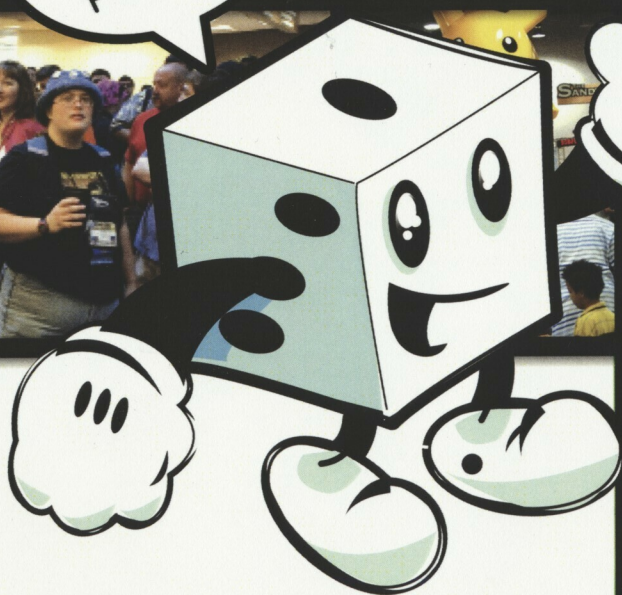
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Welcome to RinCon '08

The RinCon '08 Directors, the Tucson Convention Center, and the Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to personally invite you and your loved ones to discover the magic that happens when we combine your favorite holiday and hobby into one special three-day gaming event. Welcome to RinCon '08.

We hope you find this program guide useful both in finding the events you're looking for at the convention and as your travel guide to fun and discovery in Southern Arizona after the show has finished.

Have fun! Play games!

Your RinCon '08 Directors,

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RinCon '08 Schedule

Friday, October 31st

Gaming and Exhibitor Halls open	3PM
Exhibitor Hall closes	7PM
Gaming Hall closes	11PM

Saturday, November 1st

Gaming and Exhibitor Halls open	9AM
Exhibitor Hall closes	6PM
Gaming Hall closes	11PM

Sunday, November 2nd

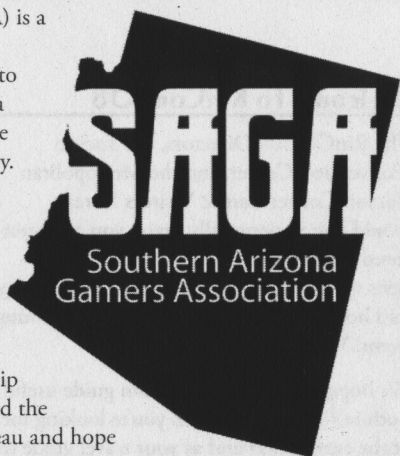
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About SAGA

The Southern Arizona Gamers Association (SAGA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the gaming community in Southern Arizona whose charter is to promote a culture of family gaming and to foster a closer relationship between the community at large in Southern Arizona and the hobby games industry. Many of SAGA members are published game authors, hobby games industry insiders, working professionals, distinguished military and accomplished students.

SAGA promotes tourism in Southern Arizona by hosting conventions and other social events. We are very proud of our close working relationship with the gaming community, our sponsors, and the Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau and hope to continue these relationships for many years to come.

SAGA is funded by charitable donations and sponsorship by gamers like you, local businesses, and publishing companies in the hobby games industry.



SAGA Events

Tucson RPG Guild, your monthly roleplaying club, meets on the first Saturday.

Idea of Gaming: Tucson's Family Game Day is on the third Saturday of each month.

SAGA Socials are held on special occasions throughout the year.

The RinCon Gaming Convention is held each year in the fall.

Tucson Zombie Walk raises awareness of world hunger and is held each year in the fall.

SAGA also organizes and runs gaming events at other Southern Arizona conventions, such as *TucCon*, *Phoenix ConGames*, and *Phoenix ComiCon*.

For more information about these and other events SAGA hosts, please visit our website:
<http://SouthernArizonaGamersAssociation.org>.

SAGA Marshals

You can get involved in supporting hobby gaming by joining the SAGA Marshals for a small donation. Marshals are automatically entered in game giveaways twice a month, receive an extended discounted admission for the RinCon Gaming Convention, and gain more benefits of fellowship with the community. Join by visiting the SAGA website.

Inaugural Year SAGA Marshals

Amy Black • Ron Blessing • Jason D. Corley • Thomas Deeny • Don Dehm • Abbie DuFour
Scott Forster • Jeremy Gypton • Melissa Haferkamp • Joseph Hammon • Jess Hartley
Stephen Horowitz • Nick Kilb • Berin Kinsman • Jim Myers • Jonathan Perrine • Boyan Radakovich
Derek Rex • Michael Sorensen • Jason Schissel • Jason Shire • Brian Stewart • Tim Williams

Code of Conduct

Your RinCon '08 Directors want you to have the best time possible at our conventions. In order to reach the highest common good, we ask you to please observe all of the following Code of Conduct rules described. Participation in SAGA events presumes your full cooperation and understanding of the following code.

Always Practice Respect

Show proper respect to all RinCon '08 attendees, SAGA volunteers and City property. Harassment includes verbal insults or continued use of profanity, sexual advances or inappropriate physical contact, and threats of physical harm or acts of vandalism. Harassment shall not be tolerated.

Clearly Identify Yourself

For liability reasons, only persons clearly wearing their RinCon '08 admission badges will be allowed on convention property during show hours. This code applies while you are gaming as well as when you are not gaming. Attendees participating in any gaming event must have a full gaming event badge.

Display Good Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship in gaming includes having a friendly demeanor, making legal in-game decisions that are best for you (regardless of your chance at winning) and being gracious when the game finally ends (win or lose). This code is especially important during tournament play. Cheating shall not be tolerated.

Support the Convention

The RinCon Gaming Convention can only grow with your support. Please support our exhibitors by purchasing something from them. Please do not bring outside food or drink to the convention. Do not take or damage product that is not yours. Theft shall not be tolerated.

Obey the Law

You must comply with all applicable laws and regulations for the United States of America, the State of Arizona, the City of Tucson, the Tucson Convention Center, and SAGA. Violators of this legal compliance condition will be asked to stop all illegal activity immediately.

Violations of the above Code of Honor are taken very seriously and should be immediately reported to any RinCon personnel wearing a STAFF or SECURITY badge. SAGA reserves the right to ask anyone who is in violation of any of the above to vacate the RinCon Gaming Convention at the forfeiture of all monies previously paid to SAGA.

Guests of Honor

Jess Hartley

JESS HARTLEY is a celebrated developer for White Wolf Game Studio, one of the largest roleplaying game companies in the industry today. She is best known for her work on the World of Darkness title, *Changeling: the Lost* which has won 8 ENnie Awards, including Product of the Year 2007, and is arguably White Wolf's top selling game line. Her latest project has been helping design White Wolf's *Hunter: The Vigil* game line, which debuted this year at GenCon with much fanfare.



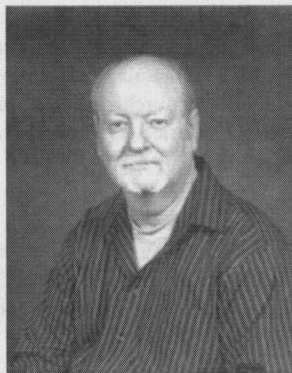
Jess Hartley is also a novelist, writer, and freelance writer/editor throughout the gaming industry. She is the creator of *Forsoothly Spoken*, a regular feature with *Renaissance Magazine*, which also publishes many of her articles and book reviews. Her first novel, *In Northern Twilight*, was a runner-up for Pen & Paper's 2004 Fan Awards in the category of Best RPG-Related Novel/Anthology. She has edited several roleplaying games, including *The Lemurian Candidate* written by Andrew Kenrick of SteamPower Publishing, which was nominated for an ENnie in the category of Best Adventure in 2006.

More information about Jess Hartley can be found through her website at JESSHARTLEY.COM.

Rick Loomis

RICK LOOMIS is an Origins Hall of Fame inductee (a tribute to his thirty plus years in the industry), the first and current president of the Game Manufacturer's Association, the professional trade association that governs the hobby games industry, and the founder and president of Flying Buffalo Inc., the oldest Adventure Game company still under its original management.

Rick also was the first person ever to buy a computer (in 1972) solely to play games on it! He also wrote the first solo adventure for a role playing game (*Buffalo Castle for Tunnels & Trolls*) and designed all of the expansion sets for the popular *Nuclear War* card game (*Nuclear Escalation*, *Nuclear Proliferation*, and *Weapons of Mass Destruction*).



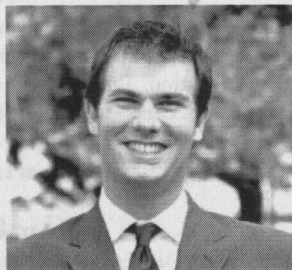
Learn more by visiting FLYINGBUFFALO.COM.

Michael Nickoloff

MICHAEL NICKOLOFF is the Chief Executive Officer of Sorvent, Inc. and co-founder of Protospiel West, a convention started in 2006 that brings together fledging game designers and playtesters to network, test games and share ideas on how to get new games into the marketplace. Protospiel West provides a professional and structured forum to assist game designers by giving them targeted feedback on how to make their games more successful.

Sorvent assists game designers by providing one-on-one feedback during the game development process. Also, Sorvent represents and sells these games to hobby-gaming publishers worldwide. In addition, Sorvent has a wealth of experience in the hobby gaming market that helps designers tweak their games to have a better chance of meeting a publisher's interests. These methods allow designers to focus on creating games while Sorvent focuses on the business aspects of getting a game published.

More information can be found at SORVENT.COM and PROTOSPIELWEST.COM.

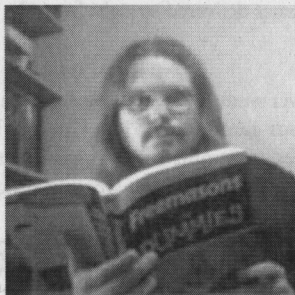


John Wick

JOHN WICK is an author and game designer best known for his creative contributions to AEG's *Legend of the Five Rings* and *7th Sea*. He self-published *Orkworld* under his Wicked Press banner and later co-founded the Wicked Dead Brewing Company with Jared Sorensen.

John won several Origins Awards for his work on AEG's roleplaying and card game lines. Other writing credits include working for companies such as White Wolf, NeoPets, Upper Deck, and Totally Games.

More information about *Houses of the Blooded*, John's newest game, can be found at HOUSESOFTHEBLOODED.COM.



Special Guests: Janni Lee Simner and Larry Hammer

JANNI LEE SIMNER has published four children's books, most recently *Secret of the Three Treasures*. Her first teen novel, the post-apocalyptic fantasy *Bones of Faerie*, will be published by Random House this January. She has also published more than 30 short stories for children, teens, and adults, including scary stories in Bruce Coville's *Book of Nightmares*, Bruce Coville's *Book of Nightmares II*, and *Gothic! Ten Original Dark Tales*.

More information on Janni Lee Simner can be found at SIMNER.COM. Larry Hammer's writings can be found at LARRYHAMMER.COM.



JANNI LEE SIMNER

Special Events

Family Halloween Fun

Celebrate the magic that happens when we combine your favorite hobby and holiday on Friday afternoon. Start in the Outdoor Garden at 3PM with **pumpkin painting** and get a temporary tattoo. Then go **trick or treating** through the **Exhibitor Hall!** At 6PM, it's the all ages **costume contest** where the best Halloween spirit will earn fame and great prizes. As the creep of night falls, sit and listen to **ghost story readings in the Outdoor Garden** by local author and Special Guest Janni Lee Simner! Children under 13 must be chaperoned.

Zombie Homecoming Dance!

Party with the undead. Reanimate a date for a night of gorgeous costumes, music, dancing, drinking, tons of party games, plus all those tasty, tasty brains. Who will be crowned this year's Homecoming King and Queen? All of our special guests will be part of the homecoming court, but it's up to the horde of zombies to decide who wins. Adults 21 and older only. **Friday, 9PM-1AM at the Starlight Ballroom in Hotel Arizona.**

RinCon '08 Master Gamer!

Compete in a series of **Eurogames** over the course of the convention. Total scores will be compared over the first two days of competition with the highest scorers advancing to the final table on Sunday, where the title of **Master Gamer** will be decided over two just-released games delivered straight from the Essen Game Fair!

Protospiel West Game Design Seminars

Ever want to **develop new games** or are you a local designer who is **interested in getting your game tested?** Join Guest of Honor Michael Nikoloff in the Protospiel West Game Design Seminars—an organized event where playtesters and designers come together and take part in the development process. **Bring your prototypes** for free consultation.

LARPing in the World of Darkness

Interested in LARPing? Drop by **White Wolf LARP registration on Friday between 3 and 7PM.** Get involved in the Changeling: the Lost (**Saturday, noon**) and Vampire: the Requiem (**Saturday, 7PM**) LARP action with Guest of Honor Jess Hartley. Both Camarilla-run LARPs are suited for walk-ons and new players. Pregenerated characters will be available. LARP gaming takes place in the **Outdoor Garden.** Note that these sessions involve mature themes—18 and older, please.

Scavenger Hunt!

A great activity for children—grab your first clue and find your way around the convention grounds to find everything on the list. The hunt begins at **9AM on Saturday in the Outdoor Garden** and lasts throughout the morning. Latecomers are welcome! Children under 13 must be chaperoned.

Miniature Painting Seminars

Learn to paint miniatures like the professionals do. Reaper Miniatures has generously donated their beautiful miniatures for you to paint. If you like it, keep it. Perfect for all hobbyists. **Table D1, Saturday 1-5PM and 6-10PM.**

Charity Poker Tournament

SAGA's first annual charity **Texas Hold'em** tournament will set your skills against some of the best players in the Southwest. Your \$10 donation grants you 1000 points with which to play Texas Hold'em for honor and glory. Top players from each table earn 1 RinCoin and advance to the final table to see who will be the Charity Poker Tournament Champion and take home the RinCoin pot! **Saturday, starting at 9PM in the Foyer.**

All Ages Arts and Crafts

Join us in the **Outdoor Garden on Sunday from 9 until noon** and we will make a mosaic cornucopia, sand art, and other fall crafts! Children under 13 must be chaperoned.

Houses of the Blooded LARP

Join Guest of Honor John Wick in his newest game, Houses of the Blooded. Join in on the **debut of the Living Shanri shared world setting:** a violent world ruled by a magical race that sees all the world as an enemy and its inhabitants as either weapons or tools. Noble Houses play an elaborate, invisible game of deception and betrayal. Forbidden from declaring open war, their secret wars allow for more subtle weapons: seduction, espionage and assassination. The intrigue starts in the **Outdoor Garden, Sunday, at noon.**

Pirate's Auction

Yarr! Yer old game is someone else's treasure! Sell off that first printing collector's item or maybe pick up that hard to find game. For a \$5 donation to SAGA, we will auction off up to five items from your pirate's booty to the highest bidder. Clean out your gaming closet and make a buck. **Sunday at 4PM at Gamer HQ.**

SAGA Open Gaming Library

Open Gaming at RinCon '08 is sponsored by Pulp Gamer. Is there a game that you've always wanted to play but neither you nor your friends had a copy? Chances are that game is available in the SAGA Open Gaming Library. Just come on by, check out a game, and play at one of the open gaming tables, **right by Gaming HQ.** The library is **open all weekend long**, so come on over and try out a game!

SAGA Store

So you've been paid for volunteering at the show in RinCoins or maybe you won one of these nifty gold coins in an event as a prize...now what? Head up to Gamer HQ and **redeem your RinCoins at the SAGA Store for new games!** Some games are only 1 RinCoin to purchase, while others cost multiple RinCoins. SAGA's close working relationship with the hobby game industry has provided us with a cornucopia of awesome stuff to give away. Come by **Gamer HQ during normal show hours** and see the selection!

Gaming Events

Finding your game

All the information to find your scheduled event is listed starting next page! All events are arranged in order by date and time, event type, and then alphabetically by title. After the game type is the name of the game with the organizer, short description of the event, and location. Finally, the scheduled end time of the game is listed so you can plan your weekend of gaming goodness.

Signing up for games

Visit Gaming HQ, in the front gaming hall! We'll have signup sheets for all events over the course of the convention. The event organizer is responsible for getting the signup sheet for their event just prior to start time. So if it's 12:57 and you're trying to get into that 1:00 game, chances are the signup sheet is already at the table!

Finding your event

Check the event grid below to find your game table. Note that some event signup sheets may list standby players for your game—if you aren't present at your game event within ten minutes of the scheduled start time, you may lose your spot to another player.

All board and collectible card game tables are located in the front gaming hall. Miniature gaming, historical gaming, and RPGs are located in the rear gaming hall. LARPs will begin in the outdoor garden on the north side of the gaming hall.

Rescheduled games, cancellations, and additions

All changes to the gaming schedule will be provided in errata form at Gaming HQ. Major updates will be posted at the entrance to the Exhibitor Hall.

Event Types

Collectibles are games that primarily focus on tournament play and set collection. Break out your decks and painted armies—compete in officially-sanctioned **collectible card game** or **miniature game** tournaments for tons of prizes and ultimate glory!

Role-playing games (RPGs) are story telling games. **Traditional RPGs** are played seated at table while **live-action role-playing games** (LARPs) are played troupe-style outdoors.

Tabletop games have come a long way since Monopoly and Uno. Bring the whole family to a safe and fun weekend full of tabletop gaming, discovering new **card and board games** in the SAGA Open Gaming Library. Join in the fun on Master Track events designed for advanced players.

Legend

type	description	room	type	description	room
s	Special Events	various	l	Live-Action Role-Playing Game	Outdoor Garden
c	Collectible Card or Trading Card Game	Greenlee	r	Traditional Role-Playing Game	Mohave
m	Miniature Game	Maricopa	b	Tabletop Board or Card Game	Graham and Gila
h	Historical Miniature Game	Maricopa			

Event Listings

type	description	end
FRIDAY 3PM		
s	Family Halloween Fun: Halloween Arts and Crafts <i>RinCon '08 Staff. See listing on page 6.</i> Outdoor Garden.	6PM
c	Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Tournament <i>Game Daze.</i> Unleash the dueling power of your Yu-Gi-Oh! decks in this of cially-sanctioned trading card game tournament. Tournament details will be provided prior to this event. Tables C1 and C2.	7PM
m	Anima Tactics <i>Hat's Games.</i> A skirmish-level miniatures combat game that pits heroic characters against each other in the struggle between Light and Dark. 150 pts. Table D1.	10PM
m	D&D Minis Demo <i>Rob Ehlers.</i> Battle it out in the D&D universe of Elves, Dwarves, Drow, Dragons, Wizards and much more! The new DDM 2.0 rules, updated in conjunction with 4th edition allow for fast learning. You will be provided with everything that you need in order to get playing quickly. No prior knowledge necessary. Table D2.	9PM
m	Warhammer Fantasy Regional Event <i>Hat's Games.</i> 1000 points. Warhammer Fantasy is a miniatures wargame, where players command vast armies of model soldiers in the struggle to outmaneuver and out ght one another on a tabletop battle eld. This gaming action is set amid a fantasy world like no other, where sorcery and monsters are common on the eld of battle. Tables M1-3.	3PM
h	Axis & Allies Minis Demo <i>Daniel Morgan.</i> Recreate historical battles from WWII with authentic Shermans, Panzers, infantry, and more! Table H2.	9PM
l	LARP Registration <i>Camarilla.</i> Interested in getting in Saturday's LARPing action? Drop by and sign up. Table W2.	7PM
r	Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons <i>RPGA.</i> Learn the newest rules to the most popular RPG today. Customize pre-generated characters or make your own for the Weekend in the Realms events. Table R3.	7PM
r	He Said He Wanted Them Alive (Exalted) <i>Wrecking Crew.</i> Seven children are essential to the destiny of the city of Lookshy. Your task: retrieve them. An Exalted demo. Table W1.	7PM
r	Primetime Adventures <i>Jason D. Corley.</i> Have you ever looked at a TV? Then you're quali ed to play Primetime Adventures, and produce, direct, and star in a TV show created on the spot with your fellow players. Table W3.	7PM
b	Dune <i>Michael Sorensen.</i> The classic Avalon Hill game. Set thousands of years in the future, Dune the boardgame is based on the Frank Herbert novels about an arid planet at the heart of the human space empire's political machinations. Table A2.	7PM
b	Eurogame Gauntlet 1: Caylus & Age of Steam <i>Eric Flood.</i> This is your chance to try your skills over a variety of different games—you will run the gauntlet of the different categories of games. You will get points for how well you do over the two events, with the winner being the player with the most amount of points! Table B1.	7PM
b	Intro to Eurogames: Thebes & Thurn and Taxis <i>RTEAM.</i> New to the hobby? Come by this event to try out some games which will be easy to learn, but you might not yet have tried! Table B2.	7PM
FRIDAY 6PM		
s	Family Halloween Fun: Halloween Costume Contest <i>RinCon '08 Staff. See listing on page 6.</i> Outdoor Garden.	7PM

type	description	end
FRIDAY 6PM (cont.)		
s	Protospiel West Game Design Seminar 1 <i>Mike Nickoloff. See listing on page 6. Foyer.</i>	9PM
FRIDAY 7PM		
s	Family Halloween Fun: Ghost Story Readings <i>Janni Lee Simmer. See listing on page 6. Outdoor Garden.</i>	9PM
m	Warhammer Fantasy Regional Event <i>Hat's Games.</i> 1000 points. Warhammer Fantasy is a miniatures wargame, where players command vast armies of model soldiers in the struggle to outmaneuver and outght one another on a tabletop battle eld. This gaming action is set amid a fantasy world like no other, where sorcery and monsters are common on the eld of battle. Tables M1-3.	10PM
r	BALD1-1 Flames of Initiation (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> You have come Baldur's Gate in search of adventure and quickly discover the Flaming Fist, one of the largest mercenary companies in all Faerûn. To survive in this city, you must prove your prowess. Set in Baldur's Gate. Table R3.	11PM
r	CORE1-1 Inheritance <i>RPGA.</i> When the Netherese conquered Sembia those who objected were either killed or forced to ee. Decades later a young man inherits a key to the family vault abandoned seventy years earlier. Set in Sembia. Table R2.	11PM
r	CORM1-1 The Black Knight of Arabel (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Your party is sent to investigate allegations of Netherese activity near the city of Arabel: A dark rider commanding legions of shadow. Can you turn back the tide before it is too late? Set in Cormyr. Table R1.	11PM
r	Houses of the Blooded <i>John Wick.</i> Set in a violent world ruled by a magical race that sees all the world as an enemy and its inhabitants as either weapons or tools. Noble Houses play an elaborate, invisible game of deception and betrayal. Forbidden from declaring open war, their secret wars allow for more subtle weapons: seduction, espionage and assassination. Table W2.	11PM
r	Primetime Adventures: Zombies! <i>Jason D. Corley.</i> The networks, celebrating the Zombie Homecoming, have approved an unprecedented budget for a Primetime Adventures series pilot involving zombies. Will it be a romantic comedy romp or an oppressive, claustrophobic gorefest? No previous Primetime Adventures experience necessary! Table W3.	11PM
r	Someone Else's Funeral (Vampire) <i>Wrecking Crew.</i> Word is the ancient, blind, and possibly insane Keeper of Elysium needs a coterie of neonates for a special job. It will be dangerous, unusual, or both, but there is no one the Prince trusts more. Table W1.	11PM
r	Sundered Skies (Savage Worlds) <i>John Polack.</i> Islands orbit one another in a fathomless void where exposure to the eternal light can warp even a saint into a bestial savage. Sailors navigate this void in skyships, risking death from terrible beasts, pirates or necromantic death barges to bring water, food, and more to resource-starved islands. Table T1.	11PM
r	Tunnels & Trolls Demo <i>Flying Buffalo.</i> Have you ever dreamed of being a bold and fearless adventurer, a warrior-king, or a cunning and powerful magician? You can be all these when you play TUNNELS & TROLLS—the worlds you explore and great quests you pursue are limited only by your imagination! Table T2.	11PM
b	Agricola Master Tournament <i>Eric Flood.</i> Agricola, the new #1 game on BoardGameGeek.com, has seen a lot of playtime since its English introduction. Watch the best of the best play for a fabulous RinCoin! Table B1.	11PM
b	Buck Rogers: Battle for the 25th Century <i>Michael Sorensen.</i> Fight for control of the twenty- fifth century Inner Solar System as imagined in the 1950s in this strategy game which is a close relative of Axis & Allies. There can be only one victor in this great war, so prime your ray guns and scramble your rocket ships. Table A2.	11PM
b	Knizniathon 1 <i>RTEAM.</i> Reiner Knizia is one of the most famous game designers out there. Who can do the best at several of his most famous games? Table B2.	11PM
b	Shadows over Camelot <i>Thomas Deeny.</i> Answer the call of King Arthur and join forces against the game itself in an attempt to protect Camelot. Your victory hinges on the successful completion of legendary Quests, but is there a traitor at the Round Table? Table A1.	9PM
FRIDAY 8PM		
c	Friday Night Magic Tournament (Magic: the Gathering) <i>Game Daze.</i> Type II standard constructed. Show your skills in the original and strongest trading card game on the market today. Tables C3 and C4.	12AM

type	description	end
FRIDAY 9PM		
s	Zombie Homecoming Dance! <i>RinCon '08 Staff.</i> See listing on page 6. Music, dancing, party games, cash bar, and hot zombie action you won't want to miss. After hours gaming encouraged. This is a 21 and older event. Hotel Arizona Starlight Ballroom.	2AM
b	Last Night on Earth: The Zombie Game <i>Thomas Deery.</i> A fast-paced game of brain-eating zombies, small town heroes, and horror movie action. Players take on the role of the heroes, working together to make it through the night; or the zombies, unending waves of undead spreading over the town like a plague. Table A1.	11PM
b	Ticket to Ride <i>Jason Shire.</i> If you love trains and good family board games, you'll love Ticket to Ride. No experience needed. Table B3	11PM
SATURDAY 9AM		
s	Scavenger Hunt! <i>RinCon '08 Staff.</i> See listing on page 6. Outdoor Garden.	12PM
s	Protospiel West Game Design Seminar 2 <i>Mike Nickoloff.</i> See listing on page 6. Foyer.	12PM
c	Common Ground Tournament (Magic: the Gathering) <i>Brian Stonely.</i> Come and learn Magic: the Gathering! A multiplayer game of MtG played with a common deck. Table C4.	1PM
c	VS. System Marvel TCG Tournament <i>Game Daze.</i> The Marvel Universe's shining comic book heroes and villains battle in this of cially-sanctioned trading card game tournament. Tournament details will be provided prior to this event. Tables C1, C2, and C3.	1PM
m	Monsterapocalypse <i>Hal's Games.</i> Attackers from beyond space and time or arising from beneath the lands and oceans have engulfed the world in catastrophic con ict! Cities are now battlegrounds for giant monsters and their hordes of minions, as they rampage through an urban landscape, leveling buildings, and ghting to achieve their own mysterious goals! Table D1.	1PM
m	Star Wars Minis Demo <i>Charles Hopkins.</i> Learn how to play this amazing miniatures game that recreates scenes from the Star Wars universe and allows you to create your own epic battles! Table D2.	1PM
m	Warmachine Regional Event <i>Hal's Games.</i> The very earth shakes during erce confrontations where six-ton constructs of tempered iron and steel slam into one another with the destructive force of a locomotive. Tables M1, M2, and M3.	1PM
h	Axis & Allies Minis Demo <i>Daniel Morgan.</i> Recreate historical battles from WWII with authentic Shermans, Panzers, infantry, and more! Table H2.	1PM
h	Shootout in the Old West/Night of the Living Deadwood (Hawleg) <i>Chris Barath.</i> Ready for a hog-killin' time? Have the grits to hang out with some of the old west's wildest when the lead starts to y? If so, you might want to mosey on over to Deadwood this Halloween cuz that's what's happening. Table H1.	1PM
r	CORE1-2 The Radiant Vessel of Thesk (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Rumors of a great item, touched by divinity, have traveled across Faerûn. Those that want to possess the item and bene t from its power have sent agents to nd it, but no one seems to know what or where it is. Set in Thesk. Table R1.	1PM
r	EAST1-1 These Hallowed Halls (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> The Crafty Kobold Salvage Company has fearlessly plumbed forgotten treasures from the depths of Faerûn for many years. Now the owner's son has gone missing and he needs adventurers of uncommon mettle to brave the dangers of the Underdark. Set in the East Rift. Table R2.	1PM
r	WEEK1-1 Beneath Haunted Halls, Part 1 (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Spend the weekend in the Forgotten Realms with this introductory RPGA adventure. Table R3.	1PM
r	Texas Hold'Em (Werewolf) <i>Wrecking Crew.</i> It seems that an unusual item has fallen into the hands of a local Vampire lord who has asked that the Werewolves come and look at it. Ever since that item has shown up, werewolves have been dropping like ies. Table W1.	1PM
b	Arkham Horror for Beginners <i>Bill Andel.</i> The town of Arkham is in a panic. Horri c events have begun to occur with increasing frequency—all seeming to point towards an imminent cataclysmic event! Only one small band of investigators can save Arkham from the Great Old Ones and destruction! This session is a teaching game using the base set. Table A2.	1PM
b	Gamer Family Tournament <i>Eric Flood.</i> For Mom, Dad, and the kids! Moms will play moms, dads will play dads, kids will play kids—who will be named Gamer Family of RinCon '08? Games include Stone Age, Ticket to Ride, Boppin' Bumblebee, and more! Table A3.	1PM

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SATURDAY 9AM (cont.)		
b	Steve Jackson Games: Mixed Events <i>Men in Black.</i> Join the official Steve Jackson demo team in playing a medley of mixed casual play board and card games from the broad catalog of Steve Jackson Games. Rules will be taught. Table A3.	1PM
b	Struggle of Empires <i>Patrick Twitchell.</i> Struggle of Empires allows a player an almost overwhelming number of choices each turn, as players seek to capture and hold lucrative colonies. With a bit of combat, a bit of negotiation, and clever use of allies, players can build empires to remember! Table B3.	1PM
b	Winsome Showcase <i>RTEAM.</i> The new Winsome games are here! Who can manipulate their opponents to come to victory? Games include Preußische Ostbahn and Gulf, Mobile & Ohio. Table B2.	1PM
SATURDAY 10AM		
r	Fair and Balanced (Scion) <i>Wrecking Crew.</i> Nationally syndicated opinion columnist Frank Belltower has been on the radio for ages. The gods think he is an agent of fate, and sends you to bring him to them before Frank falls into the hands of the titans. Table W2.	1PM
SATURDAY 12PM		
l	Beautiful Madness (Changeling LARP) <i>Camarilla.</i> Join the Camarilla (White Wolf's Official Fan Club and Live Action Roleplay Group) for a game of "Beautiful Madness". This is a session in an on-going global game chronicle, but suited for walk-ons and new players. Pre-generated characters available. Mature themes—18 and up. Outdoor Garden.	5PM
SATURDAY 1PM		
s	Protospiel West Game Design Seminar 3 <i>Mike Nickoloff.</i> See listing on page 6. Foyer.	4PM
c	Bleach TCG Tournament <i>Game Daze.</i> Take on the afterlife one soul at a time! The Bleach TCG lets you fight as your favorite Bleach character against worthy opponents. Will Ichigo defeat Menos Grande, or will he get blasted into pieces? Tables C1, C2, and C3.	5PM
m	D&D Miniatures Rob Ehlers. Battle it out in the D&D universe of Elves, Dwarves, Drow, Dragons, Wizards and much more! This event will feature full length DDM 2.0 Assault games. You can bring your pre-constructed 200 point warbands and maps, or choose from an assortment of provided warbands and maps. Table D2.	5PM
m	Miniature Painting Seminar 1 <i>Hat's Games.</i> See listing on page 7. Table D1.	5PM
h	War at Sea, Scenario 1 (Axis & Allies) <i>Daniel Morgan.</i> Fast-paced and action-packed, this exciting miniatures game lets players recreate historical battles or go head-to-head in competitive naval warfare raging across WWII. Table H2.	5PM
r	AKAN1-1 The Rotting Ruins of Galain (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Amidst goblin raids originating from the ruined town of Galain, you are asked by a young Genasi woman to locate her brother. Lost or deceased, it's up to you to find him! Set in Akanül. Table R1.	5PM
r	WEEK1-2 Beneath Haunted Halls, Part 2 (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Spend the weekend in the Forgotten Realms with this introductory RPGA adventure. Table R3.	5PM
r	Chaos Challenge (D&D 4e) <i>Ron Blessing, Don Dehm, Derek Rex, Michael Sorensen.</i> You thought the Tomb of Horrors was tough? Many adventurers will enter this killer dungeon—only the toughest will survive to make it to the final round! Tables T1, T2, and T3.	5PM
b	More Munchkin Madness! <i>Men in Black.</i> Munchkin is the wildly successful card game that pokes fun of almost every gaming genre. Your character is zombie cowboy cultist halving? Yup, you're a true Munchkin! Rules will be taught. Table A3.	5PM
b	Railroad Master: Railroad Tycoon & Age of Steam <i>Eric Flood.</i> Play two classic railroad games. Who is the best at managing inefficient railroad deliveries? Table B1.	5PM
b	Splitter Showcase <i>RTEAM.</i> Splitter Spellen has made a large impact on the Eurogame world for such a small company. Play some of their most famous games! Games include Antiquity, Roads and Boats, and Indonesia. Table B2.	5PM
SATURDAY 2PM		
c	Old School Sealed Box Tournament (Magic: the Gathering) <i>Brian Stanely.</i> Bring one unopened box and booster. Open at the event, trade away, and play for ante, the way we did it back in good ol' days when we had to walk to school in the snow, uphill, both ways. Table C4.	6PM

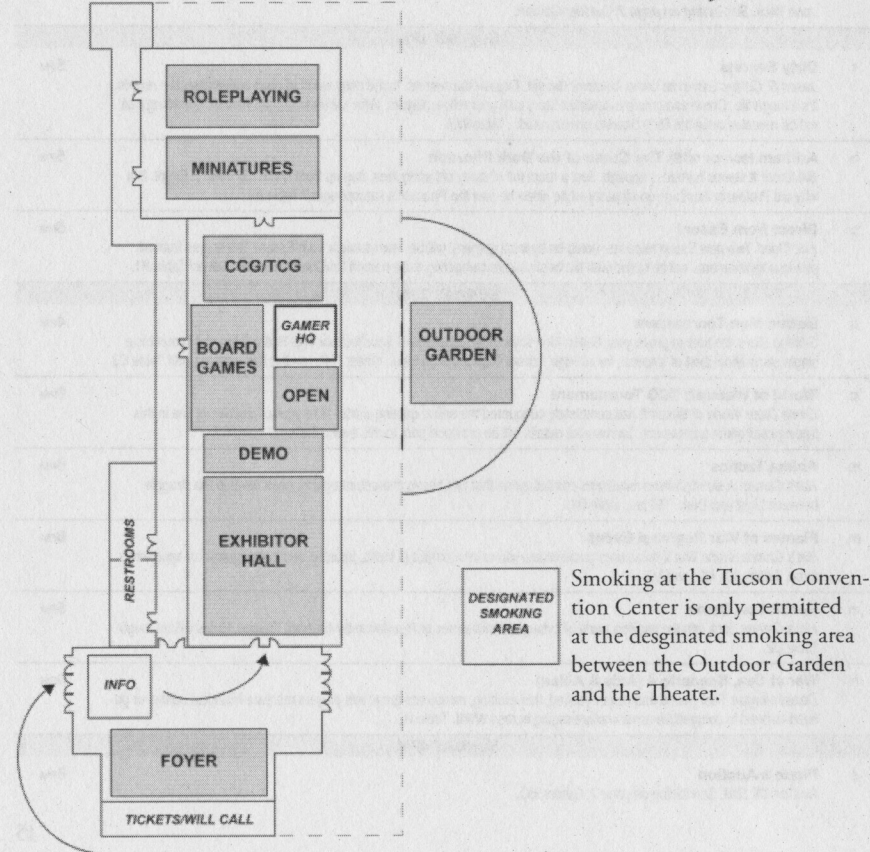
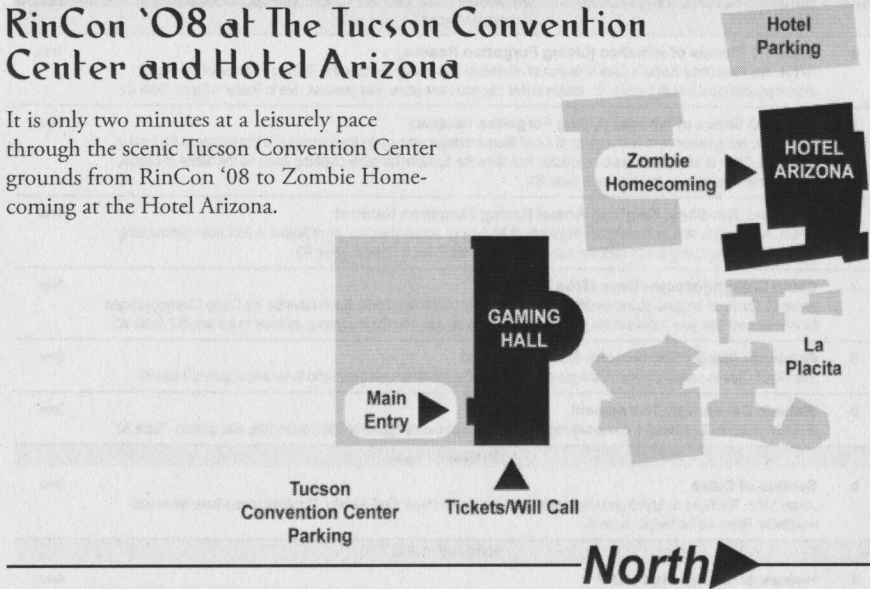
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m	Warhammer 40k Regional Event <i>Hat's Games.</i> In the future, there is only war. Bring your painted armies to do battle! Big, 1750 point armies will clash! WAAAAAAAAAGH! Tables M1, M2, and M3.	5PM
r	Murphy's Dog (Werewolf) <i>Wrecking Crew.</i> Your pack has finally got everything together—your territory is secure and your totem is pleased. Everything seems to be going right until one day a new werewolf enters your territory. Table W1.	6PM
b	Arkham Horror with Kingsport Horror and Black Goat of the Woods <i>Bill Andel.</i> Explore the dream-haunted shores of misty Kingsport, a city where the dimensional barriers are at their thinnest while a dangerous cult has risen in Arkham! Table A2.	6PM
SATURDAY 6PM		
c	Legend of the Five Rings TCG Tournament <i>AEG.</i> L5R has one of the richest storylines in all of fantasy gaming. The story has been created and driven by the actions of the players. This tournament's results will influence the storyline of the Legend of the Five Rings. Tables C1, C2, and C3.	10PM
c	WMD Tournament (Nuclear War) <i>Flying Buffalo.</i> Nuclear War is the exciting card game of world dominance through sly espionage, calculated propaganda, and the liberal release of nuclear weapons. Be the last one with a population...alive that is, and you win. So go ahead and put on your general's hat and learn to love the bomb. Table C4.	10PM
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m	Miniature Painting Seminar 2 <i>Hat's Games.</i> See listing on page 7. Table D1.	10PM
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h	War at Sea, Scenario 2 (Axis & Allies) <i>Daniel Morgan.</i> Fast-paced and action-packed, this exciting, miniatures game lets players recreate historical battles or go head-to-head in competitive naval warfare raging across WWII. Table H2.	10PM
h	WWI Skirmish (NUTS! 25mm) <i>Chris Barath.</i> Wargamers unite in this historical miniatures game reconstructing some of WWI's most vicious skirmish battles. Table H1.	10PM
r	BALD1-1 Flames of Initiation (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> You have come Baldur's Gate in search of adventure and quickly discover the Flaming Fist, one of the largest mercenary companies in all Faerûn. To survive in this city, you must prove your prowess. Set in Baldur's Gate. Table R3.	10PM
r	CORE1-3 Sense of Wonder (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> You are summoned to help a priest of Gond Wonderbringer, who seeks the location of a lost temple to the Lord of All Smiths. Think of all the marvelous inventions, lost since the Spellplague came crashing down on the nation of Lantan, that might lie waiting to be rediscovered! Table R1.	10PM
r	WEEK1-3 Beneath Haunted Halls, Part 3 (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Spend the weekend in the Forgotten Realms with this introductory RPGA adventure. Great for first time players! Table R3.	10PM
r	Chaos Challenge Final Round! (D&D 4e) <i>Michael Sorensen, Derek Rex.</i> Who will be the ultimate survivor? Table T1.	10PM
r	Good BBQ Fun (Hunter) <i>Wrecking Crew.</i> The Ashwood Abbey has decided to throw a barbeque. Your cell has been invited to their exclusive hideaway in Maine. But as your plane circled you noted some really big enclosures, like dog kennels... Table W1.	10PM
r	Houses of the Blooded <i>John Wick.</i> Set in a violent world ruled by a magical race that sees all the world as an enemy and its inhabitants as either weapons or tools. Noble Houses play an elaborate, invisible game of deception and betrayal. Forbidden from declaring open war, their secret wars allow for more subtle weapons: seduction, espionage and assassination. Table W2.	10PM
r	Reloaded (Deadlands) <i>John Polack.</i> Things are looking up for the small town of Perdition Springs—then the children all started to disappear! Pinkertons went sent in to find out what happened, but nobody has heard from them! You're next in line... Table T3.	10PM
r	With Great Power <i>Jason D. Corley.</i> Rescue the girl you love or stop the supervillain's plan? Protect your secret identity or gain a powerful new ally? It's tough being a superhero these days, and With Great Power gives you the <i>OOMFI</i> you need. Table W3.	10PM

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SATURDAY 6PM (cont.)		
b	Eurogame Gauntlet 2: El Grande & Container <i>Eric Flood.</i> This is your chance to try your skills over a variety of different games—you will run the gauntlet of the different categories of games! You will get points for how well you do over the two events, with the winner being the player with the most amount of points! Table B1.	10PM
b	Knizniathon 2 <i>RTEAM.</i> Reiner Knizia is one of the most famous game designers out there. Who can do the best at several of his most famous games? Table B2.	10PM
b	Steve Jackson Games: Mixed Events <i>Men in Black.</i> Join the official Steve Jackson demo team in playing a medley of mixed casual play board and card games from the broad catalog of SJ Games. Rules will be taught. Table A3.	10PM
b	War of the Ring <i>Patrick Twitchell.</i> The War of the Ring board game is a grand strategic simulation of Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy. While the Fellowship of the Ring advances towards Mordor, the Dark Lord Sauron unleashes his armies against the last strongholds of the Free Peoples. Table B3.	10PM
SATURDAY 7PM		
I	Gothic Horror (Vampire LARP) <i>Camarilla.</i> Join the Camarilla (White Wolf's Official Fan Club and Live Action Roleplay Group) for a game of Machiavellian politics and Gothic horror. This is a session in an on-going global game chronicle, but suited for walk-ons and new players. Pre-generated characters available. Mature themes – 18 and up. Outdoor Garden.	12AM
b	Arkham Horror with Dunwich Horror and The King In Yellow <i>Bill Andel.</i> The town of Dunwich is only a short train ride from Arkham, and if anything it is a darker, more frightening place, with its own secrets and its own perils. A sinister play is coming to Miskatonic University, and anyone who's anyone will be there for the opening performance. Table A2.	11PM
b	Junta <i>Michael Sorensen.</i> Representatives of the ruling families of la Republica de los Bananas, connive, cajole, threaten, and ally their way to the fattest Swiss bank account. Table A1.	11PM
SATURDAY 9PM		
s	Charity Poker Event <i>RinCon '08 Staff.</i> See listing on page 7. Foyer.	12AM
SUNDAY 9AM		
s	All Ages Arts and Crafts <i>RinCon '08 Staff.</i> See listing on page 7. Outdoor Garden.	12PM
s	Protospiel West Game Design Seminar 4 <i>Mike Nickoloff.</i> See listing on page 6. Foyer.	12PM
c	Pirates of the Spanish Main Tournament <i>Game Daze.</i> Pirates of the Spanish Main is the world's first constructible strategy game. Players make fleets of ships to sail to different islands looking for booty. Tournament details will be provided prior to this event. Tables C1 and C2.	1PM
c	Type I Grand Larceny Tournament (Magic: the Gathering) <i>Brian Stonely.</i> Bring yer cards! Up to two Restricted and one Banned cards (without the word 'Ante' in the text, or up to seven Banned cards with the word 'Ante'). Play for Ante. Proxies must be present at the match. Decks that fall below 60 cards during any game are disqualified. Table C4.	1PM
m	Flames of War Regional Event <i>Hat's Games.</i> World War II miniatures game where you control armies of tanks, infantry, and guns against an opponent's force. Recreate the battles of World War II and experience the war from the point of view of a front-line company commander. Tables M1, M2, and M3.	1PM
m	Mutant Chronicles <i>Hat's Games.</i> Megacorporations rule the solar system, locked in a state of perpetual war. The demonic forces of the Dark Legion, hell-bent on the destruction of all humanity. Are you ready for the fight? Table D2.	1PM
m	World of Warcraft Miniatures <i>Hat's Games.</i> The excitement of the online experience in a fun, fast-paced game that features the highest-quality miniatures ever produced in the industry. Players use figures and terrain pieces to simulate battles in all types of settings and scenarios reminiscent of the vibrant world of Azeroth. Table D1.	1PM
h	War at Sea, Scenario 3 (Axis & Allies) <i>Daniel Morgan.</i> Fast-paced and action-packed, this exciting miniatures game lets players recreate historical battles or go head-to-head in competitive naval warfare across WWII. Table H2.	1PM
h	WWII Microarmor Battle (6mm) <i>Chris Barath.</i> Join in a large-scale warfare scenario from the battlefields of WWII. Table H1.	3PM

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r	BALD1-1 Flames of Initiation (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> You have come Baldur's Gate in search of adventure and quickly discover the Flaming Fist, one of the largest mercenary companies in all Faerûn. To survive in this city, you must prove your prowess. Set in Baldur's Gate. Table R2.	1PM
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r	CORM1-1 The Black Knight of Arabel (Living Forgotten Realms) <i>RPGA.</i> Your party is sent to investigate allegations of Netherese activity near the city of Arabel: A dark rider commanding legions of shadow. Can you turn back the tide before it's too late? Set in Cormyr. Table R3.	1PM
r	Camp Chargoggabojee Days (True 20) <i>Jason D. Corley.</i> In England young witches and wizards go to boarding schools, but in America, it's Camp Chargoggabojee for the summer! Will your cabin win the prank wars? Will you be eaten by the mysterious monster in the woods? Table W3.	1PM
b	Pandemic Master Tournament: Pandemic Solo <i>Eric Flood.</i> Care to save the world? Each player will be playing with their own board and three investigators. Table B1.	3PM
b	Wabash Cannonball Tournament <i>RTEAM.</i> Wabash Cannonball is commonly regarded as the best railroad game of 2007 among the elite gamers. Table B2.	3PM
SUNDAY 11AM		
b	Settlers of Catan <i>Jason Shire.</i> The German boardgame that started the Eurogame craze. Find out why 11 million copies have been sold worldwide. Rules will be taught. Table B3	3PM
SUNDAY 12PM		
l	Houses of the Blooded LARP <i>John Wick.</i> See listing on page 7. Outdoor Garden.	4PM
SUNDAY 1PM		
r	Dirty Secrets <i>Jason D. Corley.</i> Solve the crime. Uncover the dirt. Expose the secrets. In the gritty world of hard-boiled detective novels, it's a tough life. Come and create a detective story with your fellow players. Who will be killed and who did the killing? all will be revealed once the Dirty Secrets are exposed... Table W3.	5PM
b	Arkham Horror with The Curse of the Dark Pharaoh <i>Bill Andel.</i> It seems harmless enough. Just a room full of dusty old antiquities, dug up from some old tomb in Egypt. But why did Professor Armitage go all pasty-white when he saw the Pharaoh's sarcophagus? Table A2.	5PM
b	Direct from Essen! <i>Eric Flood.</i> Two new Essen releases, voted on by local gamers, will be own straight from Essen! The scores from all previous tournaments will be tallied with the best players competing to be named RinCon '08 Master Gamer! Table B1.	5PM
SUNDAY 2PM		
c	Button Men Tournament <i>Shifting Skies.</i> It's time to prove your Button Men skills in the Schoolyard Smackdown! This Button Men tournament is a single elimination, best of 3 match, for all High School Drama Button Men ghters. Take on the designer himself! Table C3.	4PM
c	World of Warcraft TCG Tournament <i>Game Daze.</i> World of Warcraft has completely conquered the online gaming world. Take your characters of ine in this trading card game tournament. Tournament details will be provided prior to this event. Tables C1 and C2.	6PM
m	Anima Tactics <i>Hat's Games.</i> A skirmish-level miniatures combat game that pits heroic characters against each other in the struggle between Light and Dark. 150 pts. Table D1.	6PM
m	Flames of War Regional Event <i>Hat's Games.</i> World War II miniatures game where you control armies of tanks, infantry, and guns against an opponent's force. Tables M1, M2, and M3.	6PM
m	Rezolution Demo <i>Hat's Games.</i> Jack into the exciting world of cyberpunk miniatures of Rezolution by Aberrant Games. Rules will be taught Table D2.	5PM
h	War at Sea, Scenario 4 (Axis & Allies) <i>Daniel Morgan.</i> Fast-paced and action-packed, this exciting, miniatures game lets players recreate historical battles or go head-to-head in competitive naval warfare raging across WWII. Table H2.	6PM
SUNDAY 4PM		
s	Pirate's Auction <i>RinCon '08 Staff.</i> See listing on page 7. Gamer HQ.	6PM

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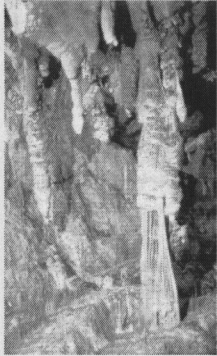
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The hot subterranean caves will rekindle a gamer's memories of the classic Jules Verne's adventure novel. Settle in the shaded picnic areas and enhance the experience of exploring caves and collecting exotic minerals with this new hit board game. (2-4 Players, Ages 10+)



Bisbee...

Founded in 1880 on one of the richest mineral sites in the world, Bisbee was the financial and cultural center of the Old West. It's now a charming artist's paradise steeped in history. After you explore its mines, shop for copper artwork and drink your fill in the Brewery Gulch, make sure you stay the night and take the famous walking ghost tour. Discover for yourself why Bisbee is called one of the most haunted cities in Arizona.

...and Bananagrams

Find the children's park and break out this great anagram game for a quick pause between adventures. Rumor has it that word games attract ghosts to the park. I forgot to mention; the park was built over a historic children's graveyard. (2-8 Players, Ages 7+)

Tombsstone...

When it comes to the Wild West, Tombstone is the real deal! Stroll the boardwalk, ride in a stage coach and have your picture taken at the actual O.K. Corral where Wyatt Earp gunned down his rivals. You have to stay for the reenactments of the gun fight, it's role-playing at its best!

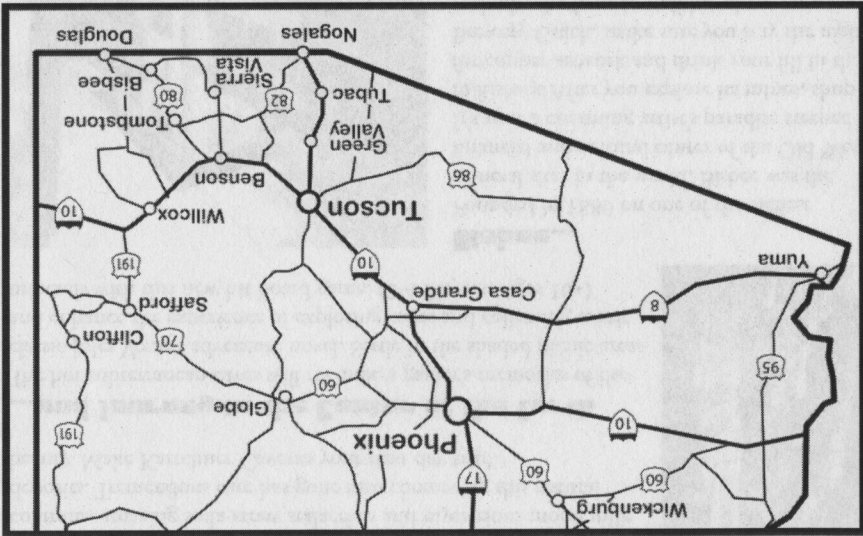
...and Wyatt Earp

Collect bounties on historic desperados in this great Rummy-like card game by Rio Grande Games. The game is small enough to play on any table. (2-4 Players, Ages 12+)



Southern Arizona

The real Old West was once alive in Southern Arizona. Reminders of the untrammeled frontier—railroad depots, mines, saloons, jails, gunslingers—can be found through Southern Arizona.



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Southern Arizona has a colorful past, and it is waiting for you to explore the beauty of the state. Day trips abound in the area. Learn how mining shaped towns like Bisbee or hike through the Dragon Mountains, a historic homeland of Apache Indians and hideout of Chief Cochise. Discover the Spanish history Trail. Visit military landmarks ranging from Spanish Colonial forts to the world's only ballistic missile museum. Walk along the streets of historic Tombstone and Yuma. Explore the night sky from mountain observatories or from one of Southern Arizona's many campsites.

Game stores

PRYMPD COMICS & GAMES (108 W Fry Blvd) has served Fort Huachuca for years. Sierra Vista. (520) 458-2786.

FAN-QUEST (850 W 32nd St) is a comic and game store, located minutes from I-10 with weekly MtCG events. Yuma. (928) 726-0247.



Events

While the most organized gaming is found in Tucson and Phoenix, there are some events that cater to gamers out in Southern Arizona. LEPRECON is a science fiction convention held in Casa Grande. LepreCon 35 will be in fall of 2009. *LepreCon.org*

FAMILY NIGHT is a monthly game night held in Sierra Vista, bringing gamers together in the community. *PulpGamer.com/familynight*

Imperial Outpost Games (#920 W Thundebird Road #121, Glendale) carries RPGs, CCGs, minis, wargames, and accessories. (602) 978-0467.

Game Daze has locations in four of the area's shopping malls, Paradise Valley Mall: (602) 494-4263, Superstition Springs Center: (480) 981-4850, Chandler Fashion Mall: (480) 899-7406, Arrowhead Towne Center: (623) 979-5360.

GameMaster Games (1120 S Gilbert Rd #114, Gilbert) has board games, miniature games, and CCG/TCCGs, and a great gaming space. (480) 558-0740.

Game Nightz (Metroceneter Mall) runs daily miniature and TCCG games in their game space. They carry TCCGs, RPGs, and board games. (602) 870-8501.

Cool Stuff
Atomic Comics (1120 S Country Club, Mesa: 3155 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler; 10215 N 28th Drive, Phoenix; 4537 E SabotenCon.com

Events
Phoenix ComiCon is held in early spring, drawing comic artists and fandom guests from across the nation. (Mesa) PhoenixComiCon.com

CopperCon is a late summer convention covering a gamut of science fiction, comic, anime, and gaming events. (Phoenix) CASFS.org/Cucon

Saboten-Con is Arizona's biggest anime convention, held in late spring in Phoenix. SabotenCon.com



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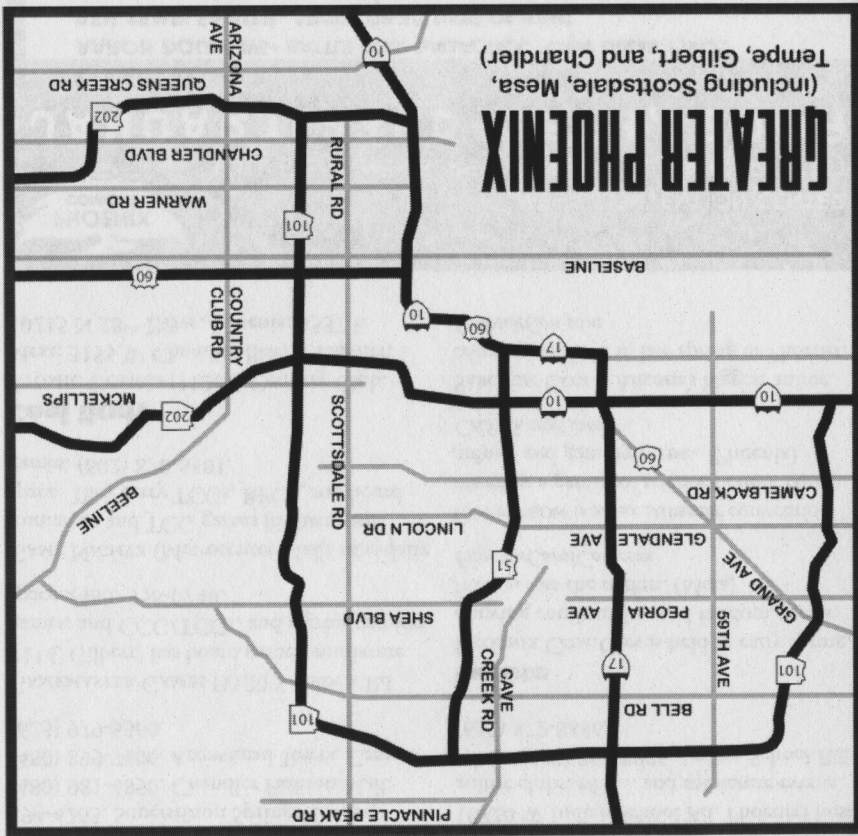
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Upon arriving in Phoenix, visitors quickly discover a few of the hallmarks that make this region a premier destination: near-perfect weather, ease of transportation, and genuine hospitality. The fifth-largest city in the United States and nearly 3.8 million people in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area offers a great many attractions to visitors and residents alike: museums, concerts, and special events are held throughout the year; the largest municipal park in the world; and gaming galore.

Game Stores

GAMER'S INN (1232 E Southern #14, Mesa) is always open with RPGs, miniatures, board games, CCGs, and LAN gaming. (480) 507-0509.
 GAME DEPOT (3136 S McClintock #11, Tempe) is a great gaming store with a large selection of games. Tournaments each week. (480) 966-4727.
 MANA WERX (17432 N 16th Ave, Phoenix) has a huge gaming area for all your MtG goodness. (602) 617-4067.

...and Bohanza

Certainly, Bohanza is the best card game about bean farming. But it may just be one of the best card games. Enjoy Biosphere 2's atrium and judge for yourself. (2-7 Players, Ages 8+)

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Tucson's Desert Museum is a world-renowned

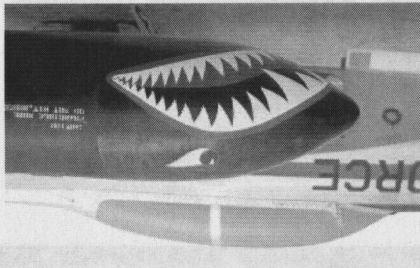
zoo, a natural history museum and a desert botanical garden, all in the heart of the Saguaro National Forest. The hummingbird exhibit, javelina habitat and mountain lion perch will leave lasting memories. Buy membership, because you'll be coming back time and again.

...and Zooloretto

Enjoy a relaxing lunch with your loved ones

at the Occillo Café and play Zooloretto, last year's most celebrated family board game.

Who can resist a zoo-themed game with baby pandas? (2-5 Players, Ages 8+)

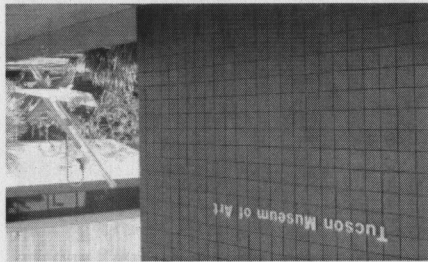


What could be better than playing a WWII

fighter pilot simulation in the same hangar as the actual aircraft? Wings of War is a fantastic game of bluffing, tactics and maneuvering by Fantasy Flight Games. (2-6 Players, Ages 10+)

...and Wings of War

Tucson's Air & Space Museum is one of the largest aviation museums in the world, boasting hundreds of air and spacecraft. The Spirit of Freedom hangar allows you to marvel at the SR-71 Blackbird and many other aircraft that changed American history.



Tucson Museum of Art...

The Museum of Art has a wide and growing collection of high quality art, especially in their Art of the American West series. While the exhibit of modern and contemporary art is internationally known, the historic neighborhood itself is a feast for the eyes. And with free admission every first Sunday, what's not to love?

...and Modern Art

Reiner Knizia's art-buying auction game is a classic and a perfect pairing with your visit to MoA. Get a deeper appreciation for both art and design. (3-5 Players, Ages 10+)

Events
It's not just all gaming here in Tucson. There's plenty of cool stuff that gamers like us will enjoy.

The RINCON GAMING CONVENTION is held at the Tucson Convention Center in the fall. Events include board, card (CCG/TCG), minis, RPGs, and LARPs. Run by SAGA. Oct 31-Nov 2, 2008. RinConGames.com

TUCSON is Tucson's Science Fiction Convention, held in November. Has a gaming room. Run by Baja Arizona Science Fiction Association (BASFA). Nov 7-9, 2008. home.earthlink.net/~BASFA

TUCSON COMICCON debuts in November, bringing 40 vendors plus local artists and comic book creators. Nov 8, 2008. TucsonComic-Con.webs.com

The DIES OF GAMING is an afternoon of gaming on the third Saturday of the month at Espresso Art (944 E University). Run by SAGA. IdesOfGaming.com

THURSDAY GAME NIGHT is run by TEAM at Hat's Games, 6-10PM, featuring the RTTEAM Game of the Month, as chosen by the Game Guru. games.groups.yahoo.com/group/RTTEAMgamers

RTTEAM'S BROWN BAG GAME LUNCHES are held throughout the week at various RMS sites. games.groups.yahoo.com/group/RTTEAMgamers

May we suggest...

Old Tucson Studios...

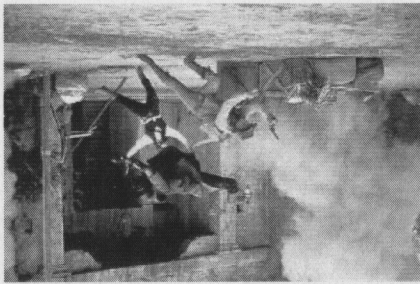
When Hollywood needs to film a Western, they come to Old Tucson Studios! Enjoy the studio set pieces and daily Wild West entertainment. During Halloween, the studio is called Nightfall and has been voted Top 10 Haunted Amusement Attractions 2008.

...and Bang!

While there, play the classic Wild West shoot out card game Bang! where outlaws try to kill the sheriff and the deputies try to protect and serve. Trick is: who's telling the truth about being a white hat? (4-7 Players, Ages 8+)

Biosphere 2...

Originally designed to be a self-contained ecological system, Biosphere 2 is an amazing testimony to the human creative spirit and an architectural achievement in its own right. If we ever going to be traveling to other planets, being able to grow essential crops in a closed artificial environment will be key. Visit Biosphere and see what it's like to live in a glass bottle.



Cool stuff

While not exclusively game stores, these locations are pretty cool for us gamers.

BOOKMANS (1930 E. Grant Rd, 6230 E. Speedway, 3733 W. Ina Rd) is Tucson's

biggest used book store chain, but what's probably going to interest gamers is the

huge used board game and RPG sections. Grant/Campbell: (520) 325-5767. Speed-

way/Wilmore: (520) 748-9555. Ina/Thornydale: (520) 579-0303.

R-GALAXY (2420 N Campbell) is one of Tucson's best stores for comic books, anime,

manga, and collectible and novelty items. R-GALAXY is located just north of Grant, on the

east side of Campbell. (520) 332-0422. SOMETHING SWEET DESSERT LOUNGE (3319

E Speedway) not only is a fantastic dessert shop, but it has a whole section that's gamer-

friendly, complete with a gaming library. Something Sweet is located on the north side

of Speedway, just west of Craycroft. (520) 881-7735.

Clubs & Organizations

If you're interested in getting together with a

group of gamers, there are several organized clubs that run events in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GAMERS ASSOCIATION (SAGA) runs several monthly gaming events

in the region, including the RinCon Gaming Convention.

SouthernArizonaGamersAssociation.org

RTEAM GAMERS CLUB OF TUCSON, AZ operates an active mailing list and weekly

game nights, focused mainly on European and American-style board games.

games.groups.yahoo.com/group/RTEAMgamers

THE TUCSON BOARDGAME MEETUP GROUP hosts monthly meetings with a focus on

Family Game Night board games. *boardgames.meetup.com/465*

THE TUCSON RPG GUILD is a SAGA organization holding monthly RPG events. *and.meetup.com/787*

erns, a living cave system untouched by man until its discovery in the 1970s. But there's also a lot to do in Tucson as well: the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show in early spring, golf tournaments year-round, Nighfall at Old Tucson Studios, El Tour de Tucson, the All Souls Procession, and much more.

Game stores

There are a large number of stores that cater

to gamers around Davis-Monham Air Force Base, but there are also game stores scattered

throughout Tucson. All locations are in

Tucson unless otherwise indicated.

HAT'S GAMES (1835 S. Alvernon Way #201)

carries several CCGs, minis, RPGs, board games and dice and has a large game space.

Hat's is located south of E 22nd on Alvernon. (520) 514-2960.

GAME DAZE (Park Place Mall and Tucson

Mall) operates two stores in Tucson's largest shopping malls. Park Place: (520) 745-0468. Tucson Mall: (520) 293-7940.

NEMESIS GAMES (5933 E 22nd St) carries new and older RPGs, miniatures, and

board games. The store also features in-store gaming. Nemesis is on the north side of E 22nd, between Wilmore and Craycroft. (520) 790-2246.

MAGIC TOWER GAMES (4235 W Ina Rd)

features weekly CCG, TCG, and miniatures tournaments. Magic Tower is located in the

strip mall just south of the intersection of Ina and Thornydale. (520) 744-9922.

AMAZING DISCOVERIES (2928 E Broad-

way) sells trading cards, CCG/TCGs, and popular and rare action figures. Located on

the southwest corner of Country Club and Broadway. (520) 320-0338.

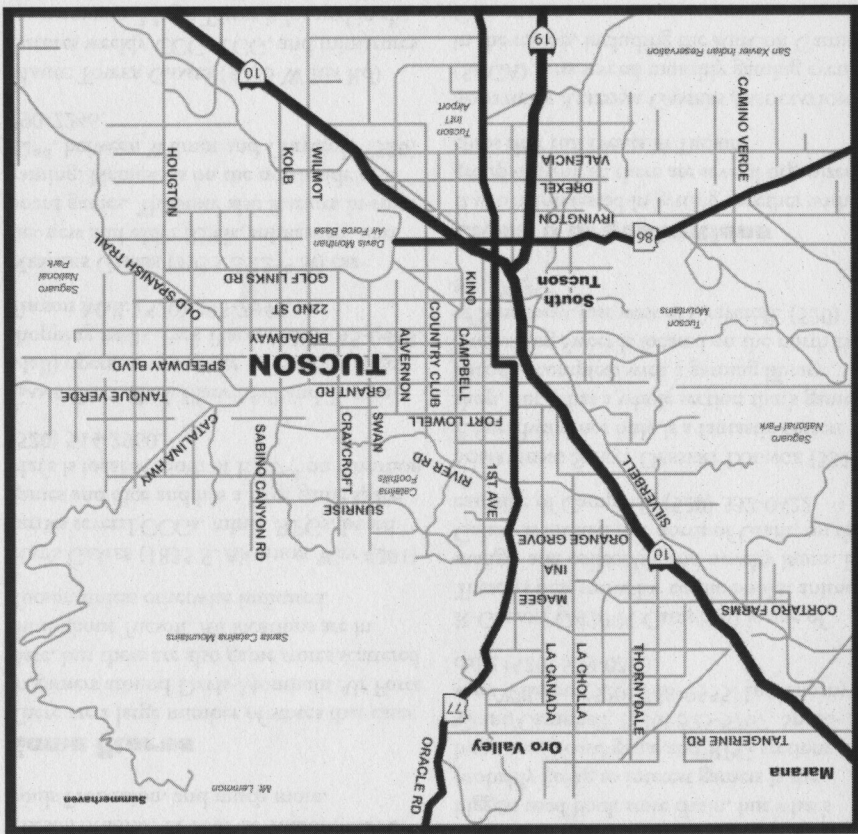
KARDS 4 YOU (3100 N Stone) holds weekly

CCG and TCG events in a large gaming space. Kards 4 You is located just north of

Miracle Mile, on the east side of Stone. (520) 408-7990.

Tucson

Tucson blends Southern Arizona's relaxed outdoor lifestyle with world-class arts and culture. The Old Pueblo is growing into one of the centers of gaming in the Southwest.



It bit about the Old Pueblo

Tucson, Arizona, is one of the longest continuously inhabited areas in the Northern Hemisphere. People have lived here for thousands of years, although the city officially was founded in 1775. Since its early days as a dusty frontier town and capital of the Arizona Territory, Tucson has grown into a metropolis nearing a million residents. There is something special about Tucson's blend of Southwestern history, culture, and diverse scenic beauty that makes it the best place to experience real, natural Arizona.

With over 300 days of sunshine throughout the year and mild springs, winters, and falls, plus the incredible low humidity during the summer helps to make the city of Tucson one of the most enjoyable places in Arizona to live.

Tucson is also the gateway to Southern Arizona. Located just under two hours from Phoenix and one hour from Mexico, the city of Tucson is a great home base for exploring the heritage and culture of the American Southwest. Convenient day trips await to places like Tubac, the first European settlement in Arizona; Tombstone, that most famous Wild West town; or Kartchner Cav-

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